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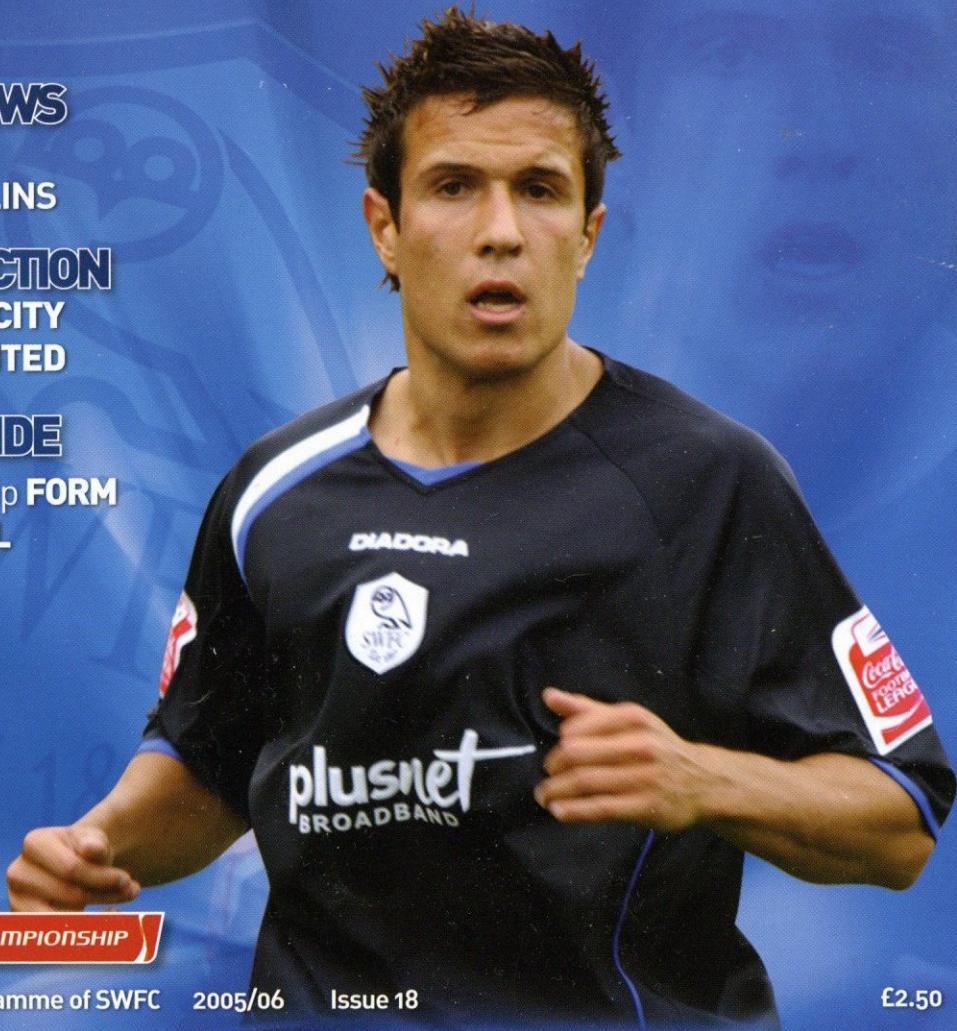
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Paul Sturrock

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The Owls boss is hoping to start a crucial spell of Championship football with a third consecutive home league win tonight.

Good evening and welcome to Hillsborough for another big league game for us. Tonight's match starts an important run of four fixtures, with these difficult home matches against Luton and Crystal Palace and away trips to Millwall and Coventry, two of our rivals at the bottom end of the table.

We come into this game having put in some reasonable performances of late, even though we suffered that defeat at Leeds, ten days ago. The scoreline will have been very disappointing for all the supporters but it was never a 3-0 game and I wasn't downhearted, despite the result. We went to a promotion-chasing side and looked comfortable for 70 minutes before conceding a disappointing opener. The only reason they were able to add their late goals was that I had put my cavaliers on to try to get the point and I make

I would rather go down fighting than meekly accept a 1-0 defeat.

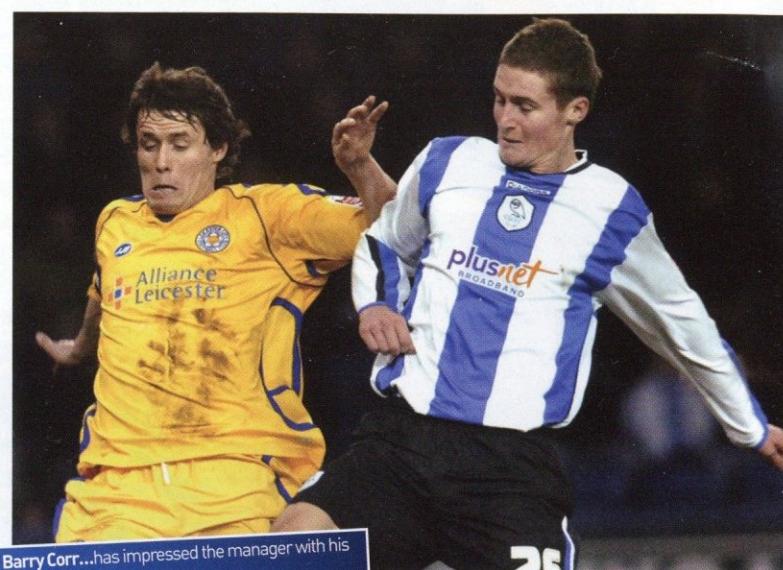
no apologies for that. I would rather go down fighting than meekly accept a 1-0 defeat.

It's often the case that you learn more from losing than you do in victory and Barry Corr's influence in the closing stages at Leeds made a big impression on me. He has given us a different option up front in recent weeks, particularly in the away games at Preston and Burnley. His presence ensures that defenders won't get an easy header and his ability to hold the ball up enables the midfield to join in our attacks.



The match at Elland Road was the last of Nicky Weaver's loan spell here and I'd like to thank him for his contribution while at Hillsborough. I know he enjoyed playing for his boyhood team and he did very well for us. I'm grateful to Manchester City for allowing him to come here for the past few months. As you know, some other players have left the club over the past few weeks and I would also like to thank them all for their services rendered to Sheffield Wednesday. The likes of Graeme Lee, Paul Heckingbottom and Lee Peacock played a big part in our promotion last season and I didn't want senior players like that sitting in our reserves. I'm glad they've found new homes and I wish them well.

The decision on Danny Reet was a slightly different one. We loaned him out to Bury, where he scored goals in League Two, and I had to make the decision about whether he would fit into our plans or whether we should cash in on him now. The fact that we moved up a division last season was an influence and, with four or five other strikers ahead of him in the pecking order, he could have been kicking his heels here for another 18 months waiting for a chance. I felt it best to accept the offer from Mansfield, with the benefit of a good sell-on clause, and give Danny the opportunity to get his senior career going now. With the arrivals of Deon Burton and Marcus Tudgay, the



Barry Corr...has impressed the manager with his recent displays.

emergence of Barry Corr, and the returns of Steven MacLean and Drew Talbot, I also allowed David Graham to join Huddersfield on loan until the end of the season. There was a lot of pressure on David when he arrived, and his struggle to score regularly for us has caused that pressure to grow. I'm sure he will benefit from his loan move and I hope he can score the goals that will enable him to return here in the summer full of confidence.

On the arrivals front, I was still trying to add to the squad at the time of writing these notes, ahead of the closure of the transfer window today. I'm hoping that by the time you read these notes I will have been successful in bringing in a player or two to give us the extra numbers we need to kick on until the end of the season.

Tonight we are hoping to continue our recent home league form against opponents with whom we have become very familiar. I'm not surprised that Luton have done so well in the Championship with a settled side, built up over a number of years, who all know their jobs. It was an entertaining game when we drew at Kenilworth Road in September, when we worked hard and got our rewards. We will have to compete in the same way this evening if we are to get the win we need and, as always, I'm calling on your backing to help us to those three points.

Enjoy the game.

Paul Sturrock

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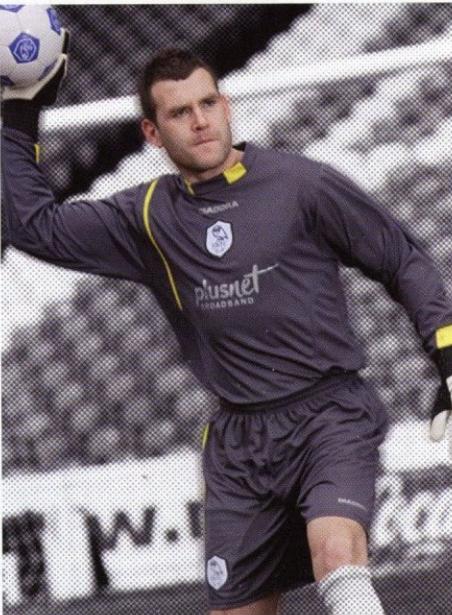
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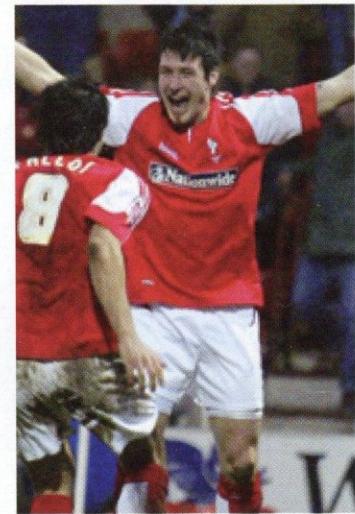


S6 Latest

January Sale

Today was the final day of the January transfer window, a period in which six Wednesday players moved on to pastures new. After being informed by Paul Sturrock they were surplus to requirements, Graeme Lee, Lee Peacock, Paul Heckingbottom and Richard Evans switched to Doncaster, Swindon, Barnsley and Shrewsbury respectively. Academy striker Danny Reet departed S6 too, sealing a transfer to League Two outfit Mansfield. Defender Maurice Ross also signed for Wolves

until the summer after his initial loan stint at Molineux. Craig Rocastle was another player listed by Sturrock but the midfielder's pursuit of a new club was hampered by a knee injury suffered during a reserve encounter against Rotherham. As a result, Craig is expected to be sidelined for around four more weeks. We wish all our former players well in the future. *Wednesday striker David Graham also went out on loan; he has joined Huddersfield Town until the end of the season.



Win A Player

The race is on to win this season's £250,000, which will go to one lucky club drawn by League sponsors Coca-Cola, for spending on a new player – and Wednesdayites have given the Owls a great chance by texting in their thousands.

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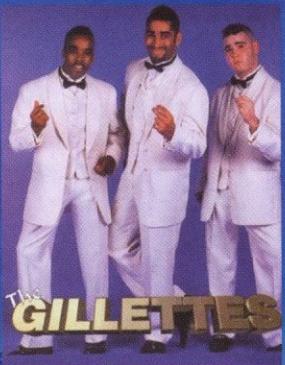
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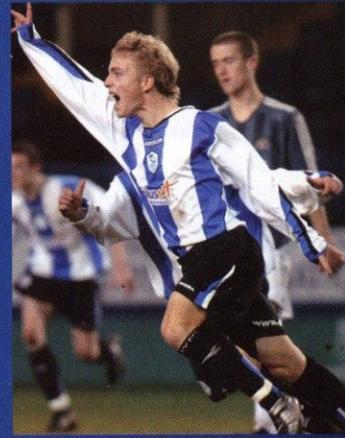
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Broad Appeal

Wednesday academy defender Andrew Broadbent is in the running for a prestigious Football League honour after being shortlisted for this season's 'Top Apprentice Award' sponsored by Wickes. The inaugural award ceremony will take place at London's Hilton Hotel in early March and, of course, we wish Andy every success. The nomination is a real feather in the cap for all concerned in guiding the SWFC youngsters, including assistant academy manager Mark Smith, who said: "Andrew fits the bill perfectly, not just because of his football but also his academic work and attitude around the club."



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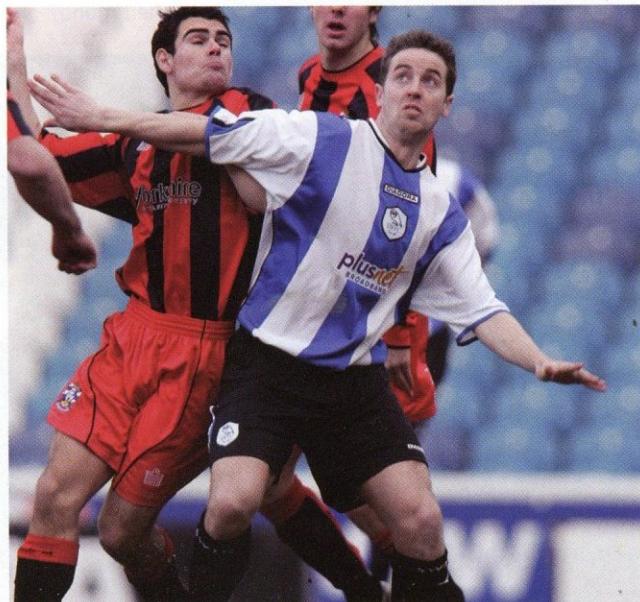
Is your name Jim? Were you teaching in the western Chinese city of Cheng Du from September 2004 to June 2005?

If so, one of your former pupils is trying to get in touch with you. Li Xiang, who is pictured here, got in touch with the club to tell us how Wednesday Jim inspired him to become a follower of the Owls. Jim, if you're reading, e-mail us at enquiries@swfc.co.uk and we'll forward Li's details onto you.

A Messiah Returns

The Owls' leading goalscorer from last season Steven MacLean is fast approaching a return to first team duty

If the striker himself had his way, he would be on the bench for tonight's visit of Luton - but that decision, of course, will rest with boss Paul Sturrock. MacLean came through 45 minutes of last week's second string Hillsborough encounter with Huddersfield unscathed and said after the contest: "It was just nice to be back and take another step on the road to recovery. I just need to keep working hard and I'll get back to my old self. I'm still a yard or two short; I know that. That comes from playing and training. I've had injuries before and then got back my old sharpness and that extra yard. I know I'll do it again." Meanwhile, the second of Sturrock's 'Messiahs' Drew Talbot has now returned to full training following the back injury that has sidelined the youngster for the whole of the term to date.



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To become a Wednesday Superdraw collector all you have to do is collect members weekly or fortnightly subscriptions from an established round.

For doing this you will receive:-

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- Match ticket to all Owls home league games
- An agents bonus should one of you lucky members win the weekly top prize of £500!
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For more information on becoming a lottery agent or collector contact The Lottery Office on **0870 9991867 Opt. 6.**



London Calling

If you thought English football had already hosted the talents of Benito Carbone for the final time...then think again. Because if the ex-Owl and Italian maverick gets his wish, he will play out the final throes of a controversial career next season here on these shores with Queens Park Rangers. Carbone is currently on the books of Serie B outfit Vicenza - his 15th club so far - in his homeland but has his eyes fixed firmly on a Championship swansong. "I would welcome a call from QPR chairman Gianni Paladini," said the 34-year-old. "Next year I would like to play in London." Why Rangers, you might ask. Well, the fact that their chairman Paladini is also the very same person who served as Beni's agent in England could be influencing the latter's mindset...



A NEW FAN



We are pleased to introduce a brand new Wednesdayite - Harley George Richardson was born to proud parents Nicola and Craig on January 6th, weighing 6lbs. "You will always be in his heart Uncle Barrie!"

Fixture Changes

The League have confirmed that all Championship fixtures on the final day of the season, including our visit to Derby County, will kick off at 1.30pm. The earlier start has become commonplace in the Championship over recent years, with Sky televising the season's finale and all matches being started at the same time to ensure a fair finish. There have also been four other fixture changes affecting the Owls at reserve and academy levels:

Pontins League - our next reserve team fixture, away to Nottingham Forest has been brought forward by one day. It will now take place next Tuesday at Burton's Pirelli Stadium (kick-off 7.00pm).
 Pontins League Cup - the Owls have been drawn at home to Hull City in the quarter-finals. This game will be played on Tuesday 28th February at Hillsborough (kick-off 2.00pm).
 Pontins League - the visit to Oldham, which was postponed in November, has been rearranged for Wednesday 15th March at Boundary Park (kick-off 2.00pm).

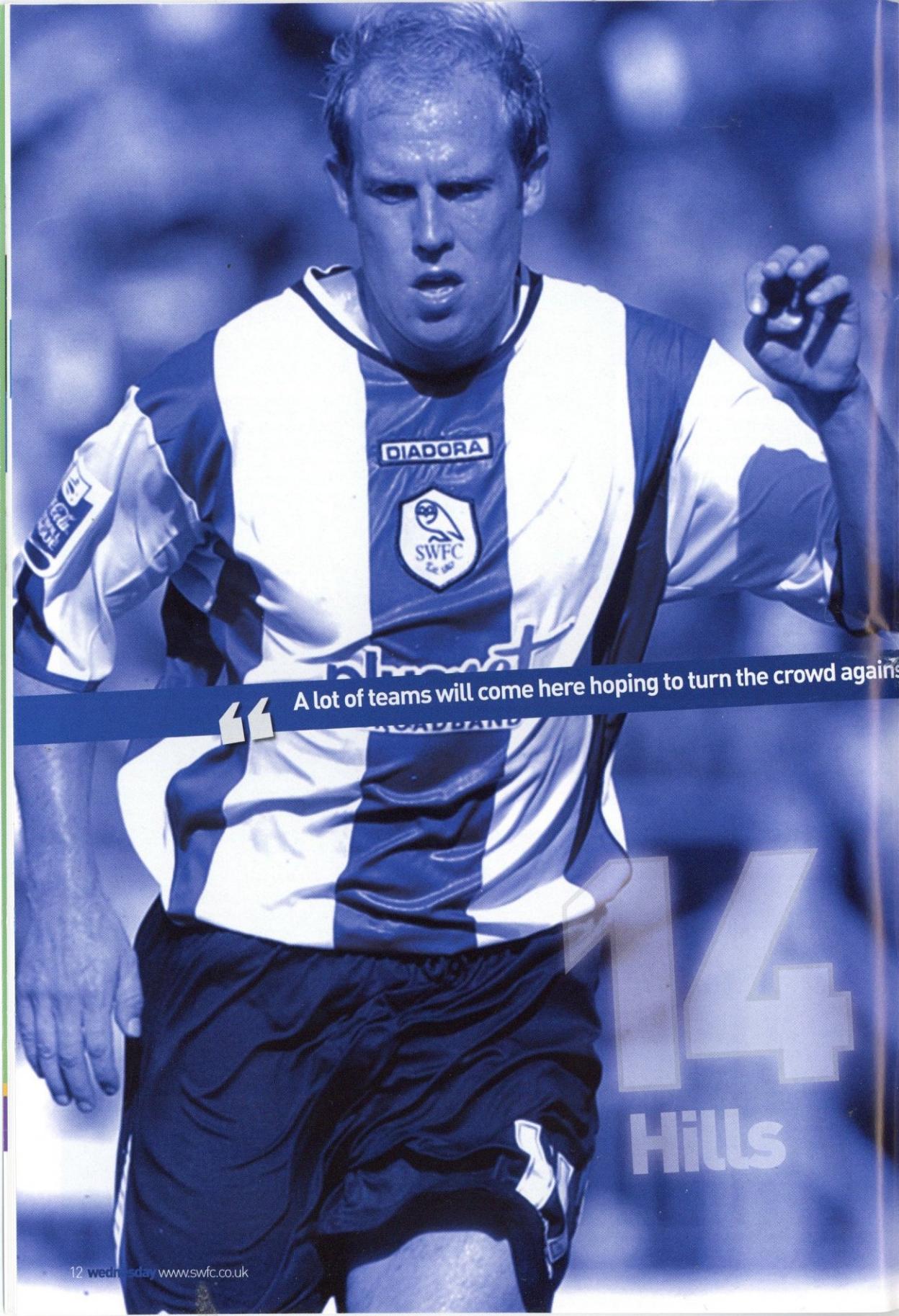
Academy League - the under-18s' visit to Nottingham Forest on Saturday 18th February has been brought forward an hour and will now kick off at 10.00am.

Picture This

A little belatedly - okay, about 20 years late - we are delighted to include in Wednesday the outstanding work of amateur artist and Owls fanatic John Stack.

Lincoln-based John sketched this picture of Hillsborough's South Stand, as it was in 1985, and the work was signed by Howard Wilkinson's entire squad from that season. John tells us: "I had my photo taken on the pitch with the old chairman Bert McGee and he promised me it would appear in a match day programme that season but, for whatever reason, it didn't happen." Well, John, we're happy to put that error right this afternoon. Sorry for the wait - we hope it was worth it!





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Hills

Fit Not To Drop

Whether playing in defence or midfield, John Hills is determined to banish the memory of the relegation from the Championship he suffered last season.



It came as no surprise to find John Hills putting in some extra time on the Middlewood Road training ground when we caught up with the Owls' summer signing last week.

With the routine session complete, Hills stayed behind to work on his general fitness in a bid to regain optimum levels after a pre-Christmas stint on the sidelines. The 27-year-old cites fitness as key to his kind of all-action game, a point he was quick to underline once he had finally warmed down for the day.

"The blank Saturday has given me an extra chance to work on my fitness," he said, with beads of sweat prominent on his brow. "We've had plenty of games

since I came back and that's helped me a lot. The good things is, there's nothing like playing games to get your sharpness back and I don't mind doing extra work on the training ground as well to keep on top of my fitness. I know I've only recently returned from injury, but I'm feeling quite fit so I want to build on the levels I have at the moment."

Having kicked off the campaign in the full-back berth now occupied by Peter Gilbert, Hills has since moved up into a midfield slot, patrolling the left side in a role to which he is already accustomed from past experience. Indeed, John's versatility was one of the positive traits identified by Paul Sturrock when the gaffer recruited him on a Bosman transfer last June.

Equally at home in defence or the engine room, the Blackpool product has lived up to his billing with the Owls so far this term. Asked if he leans towards one position or the other, Hills stated no particular preference so long as his name remains on Sturrock's starting sheet.

"As long as I'm playing, I'm happy. I give it 100 per cent wherever I'm asked to play. I enjoy both positions to be honest...I just enjoy playing football. Obviously, the position on the left of midfield does take peak fitness to do the job right, because the gaffer wants you up and down the pitch and I don't have a problem with that. I'm always working hard on my fitness, it's a big factor in my game and I do enjoy the work."

Even in the summer when the season's out, I still work a lot on my fitness when I can."

As well as the knee injury from which he is now recovered and heading back towards the peak of his powers, John has also had to contend with the ramifications of last year's well-documented and very serious car accident - "it was obviously devastating" being his first observation - but the erstwhile Gillingham player is a strong character in both body and mind. He has had to be when push came to shove. After an eight-week absence, Hills returned to first team duty at Burnley on New Year's Eve, helping the Owls to the first of three successive Championship wins. That mini-run of impressive pedigree was checked last time out in West Yorkshire facing Leeds but he is confident that Wednesday can bounce back to winning ways

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against the Hatters tonight.

"Luton had a fantastic start to the season, and they're looking good again now after a little slip a few weeks ago. They're clearly a strong side, Mike Newell has them fired up, with a lot of hard workers in the team. Other sides have found it hard to take points from them at Kenilworth Road but Luton don't seem to be as strong away from home so we have to be confident of a good result. Teams are finding it harder to play against us more recently so that's something we can build on. Obviously we slipped up at Leeds but anyone who was there will tell you that 3-0 was not a fair reflection of the game. With 20 minutes to go it was 0-0 and we changed our formation after their first goal to try and get one back ourselves. It didn't work in the end but Leeds certainly knew they'd been in a game."

The trio of triumphs

Wednesday recorded prior to that derby defeat at Leeds rounded off a prosperous S6 holiday period - but Hills is quick to underline the need to dispel the merest hint of complacency entering the camp. He tasted the bitterness of relegation last season with Gillingham in the most dramatic and unpalatable circumstances and thus has added incentive to avoid the drop this time around.

He recalls: "We played Forest on the last day of the season and we knew that a win would keep us up. We were winning 2-1 with five minutes to go but they pulled it back to 2-2. Crewe came back from 1-0 down against Coventry to win 2-1 and that sent us down on goal difference. They had just one goal better than us to be precise and it was such a devastating feeling. But these are the kind of experiences that help make you a better and stronger player for the future. The last two seasons at Gillingham were both spent fighting relegation so I have been in this situation before. I know we've had the three straight



wins but we've also had the bad defeat since, no matter how unjust it was. We've got to keep our sleeves rolled up, keep working hard and do what we are good at. I'm not going to say it will be easy because it won't...I think it could go right to the wire. It's great to be out of the relegation zone but it's easy to get sloppy and slip right back in there. It's a real dogfight at the bottom as it always is, but in our favour, we've been getting better and better of late, you can see the confidence rise in the boys as the season goes along so hopefully we can use that to have a good, strong end to the campaign."

With eight games left to unfold at Hillsborough before the curtain falls on the term in late April, John agreed that our home form could well decide the club's destiny for the 2006-07 season. The previous two S6 league outings have met with success for the hosts and Hills is hoping for more of the same tonight. And finishing on the subject of plying his trade in front of regular crowds averaging over 24,000, a beaming smile adorned his face.

Hills on...

THE FALL GUYS?

Derby are not doing too well at the moment and Crewe look in real trouble but Leicester are the surprise team for me. They looked really strong when we played them at their place early in the season, you'd have had high hopes as a Leicester fan back then. But they're below us now and we have to make sure that remains the case.

WINDOW SHOPPING

Obviously, the transfer rules have changed these days and managers have a limited period in which to do their business. Things need to be done quickly and that's the way it is. The first half of the season, we were in and around the relegation zone so we needed changes. The gaffer has done things the best way he can and that's what we've seen over the last few weeks with the comings and goings.

FINDING THE TARGET

I've scored a few goals in the past so hopefully there's a few left in there somewhere! The gaffer likes to see the goals spread around the team so fingers crossed I can chip in myself. There are more chances to get forward playing in midfield, although it's good to get some assists as well, like the cross that led to Cocko's winner against Leicester.

He signed off with this: "Playing at Hillsborough is fantastic to be honest. We have a great ground and great fans here and it's so important we use that to our advantage for the rest of the season. I know it's worked to the advantage of the opposition before now and that's something we have to continue to avoid. A lot of teams will come here hoping to turn the crowd against us by keeping us quiet in the first 15 or 20 minutes but the crowd has been

behind us all the way this season. It's brilliant to hear the fans getting right behind the boys. As soon as you walk out at Hillsborough - you can ask any of the new signings, I guarantee they will say the same thing - when they play 'Hi Ho Silver Lining' it makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end. The Wednesday fans are just awesome and if that atmosphere doesn't get you up for a game then you shouldn't really be here."



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October Player of the Month

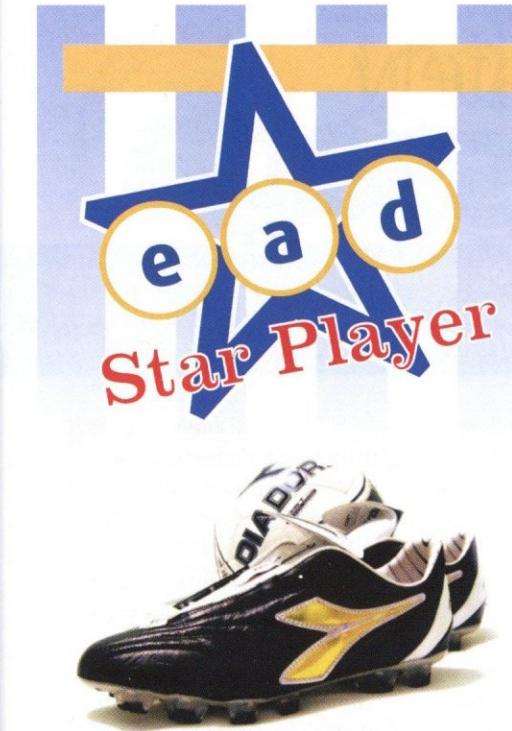
Chris Brunt

Congratulations to Chris on winning the October EAD Star Player Award after a highly productive month in which he scored four goals helping Wednesday to wins over Coventry City and Norwich City. Last month's winner Graham Coughlan was second with Frank Simek in third.

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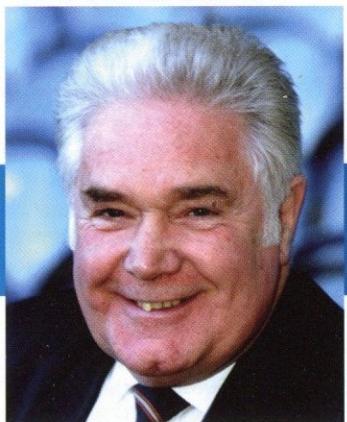
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Safety Message

This evening SWFC Operations Manager Alan Roberts urges parents to protect the safety of young supporters by preventing them from standing on their seats.

Occasionally we have incidents where young Wednesday supporters who were standing on their seats have stood too far back and slipped between the backrest and the seat itself. In doing so they have caused themselves injuries to their legs.

I know that if all the other fans in your area are standing it can be a very difficult situation for those who aren't at the front, who then have great difficulty in seeing the game.

Perhaps this happens more often at some away grounds where many other fans are standing.

I would ask all parents to help us to help them to prevent their children from hurting themselves in this manner by ensuring young fans don't stand on their seat. I understand it is frustrating if you can't see the game and, for our part, we work hard on a match-by-match basis to try to ensure all supporters remained seated for the vast majority of the match, in accordance with the ground regulations.

But, especially if the problem is at Hillsborough, I would instead advise you to contact a steward, who will try to find you alternative seating. It may be an inconvenience but it is obviously much safer situation than the possibility of young supporters injuring themselves by falling after standing on their seat.

If you wish to report any incident at Hillsborough, you can contact Alan in the strictest of confidence. Text him NOW on **07963 138580**. Or, next week, phone him on **0114 221 2361**, fax on **0114 221 2122** or e-mail: enquiries@swfc.co.uk



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Today's Opponents

Our visitors must remedy a chronic case of travel sickness if they are to stay in the hunt for an end-of-season play off slot.

Few teams in the Championship own such a contrasting record in and out of base. Check out Luton's stats to date this term and their Achilles heel moves sharply into focus - eight wins on home soil but a giant ten defeats suffered away from the comforts of Kenilworth Road.

Indeed, the Hatters' tally of losses on the road is the highest in the division and requires urgent attention if a promotion charge is to remain feasible.

They arrive in Sheffield handily placed on the cusp of the top six but boss Mike



Newell will need little reminding that his side could boast a better position with even an average travelling return. Thankfully, Luton have proved a pretty formidable outfit in front of their own fans, with their most recent victory unfolding ten days ago against QPR. Rangers took the short hop from Loftus Road in confident mood on the back of a four-match unbeaten league run but the hosts promptly ended that pedigree with a 2-0 win to register a maiden success for 2006. That triumph, in fact, was just what the doctor ordered given that prior to QPR's visit, the Hatters had lost their three previous Championship games, as well as having exited the FA Cup at the hands of Liverpool in a thrilling third round encounter that

finished 5-3 to the Premiership giants. Thus the points stored from the Super Hoops were particularly welcome as Luton recovered from that mid-season blip to return to winning ways. Strikes from Markus Heikkinen and Steve Howard were sufficient to overcome Rangers, with the latter inching ever closer to a personal landmark. Howard's second half conversion took the one-time Owls target to within a single goal of his century for our visitors, thus this evening could prove a special occasion for the towering targetman. History certainly suggests that Howard will emerge from the Hillsborough tunnel with a spring in his step too, as the 29-year-old has netted five times during the last quintet of games contested by tonight's teams.

The Captain

.....Kevin Nicholls

The tough-tackling midfielder is immensely popular at Luton, both on and off the pitch. Kevin is the Hatters' current Player of the Year, having led our visitors to the League One title last season - chipping in with a very impressive 14 goals from the engine room along the way. Nicholls' leadership qualities were immediately evident in Bedfordshire following a move from Wigan in 2001 and he was handed the captain's armband shortly after his arrival.

The 27-year-old has also skippered England youth teams at under 18, under 19 and under 20 levels.

Luton Town

Team News

Luton travel to Hillsborough this evening aiming to emulate their success at home on the road. The Hatters are one of the most impressive sides in the division on home soil but have failed to collect maximum points away from home since October 1st. The early weeks of the season saw Luton pick up four wins from their first six away fixtures, beating Hull City (1-0), Leicester City (2-0) and Cardiff City and Crystal Palace (both 2-1). But they have since gained just one point from their last nine away dates, collected from their 1-1 draw at Derby County on Boxing Day.

In contrast, Luton have won eight of their 15 home matches, suffering just three defeats at their Kenilworth Road base – form which has been a cornerstone of their push for a play-off place.

Line-Up

v QPR (4-4-2) - 21 January 2006:

Subs: Barnett for Showunmi 64, Feeney for Vine 65, Morgan for Brkovic 75.



Marlon Beresford has been the regular choice in goal for Mike Newell with 27 appearances while the Hatters boss has had a strong defensive unit to call upon. Markus Heikkinen (30 apps), Kevin Foley (25) and Chris Coyne and Paul Underwood (both 24) have all been regulars at the back. The Town midfield has largely been populated by Carlos Edwards (30 apps), Ahmet Brkovic (29 apps), Kevin Nicholls (26) and Steve Robinson (23). Luton's attacking threat has come from Warren Feeney (31 apps), Steve Howard (29), Dean Morgan (25) and Rowan Vine (16).

Goalkeeper

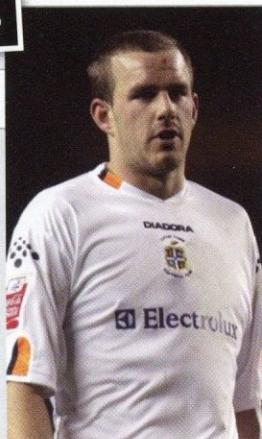
Marlon Beresford



Well-travelled keeper who started out at Hillsborough and returned on loan five years ago. The 36-year-old is now in his second spell with Luton after rejoining from Barnsley in 2004 and also had three stints at Burnley – one on loan.

The Forwards

Rowan Vine



This 23-year-old completed his £250,000 move from Portsmouth in the summer, after spending the whole of 2004-05 on loan at Kenilworth Road. The Basingstoke product also had similar loan stints at Brentford in 2002-03 and Colchester the following season.

Steve Howard

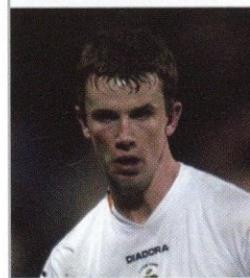


The imposing targetman is looking for his 100th Luton goal this evening, after scoring in the Hatters' last three games. He joined from Northampton in 2001 having represented Hartlepool between 1995 and 1999.



The Defenders

Kevin Foley



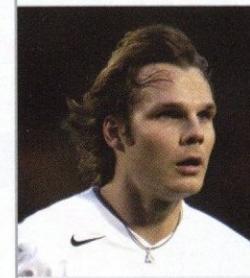
A Luton lad who came through the Hatters ranks to make his first team bow in 2002. The 21-year-old passed a century of Town appearances last month and has been a defensive mainstay this season.

Chris Coyne



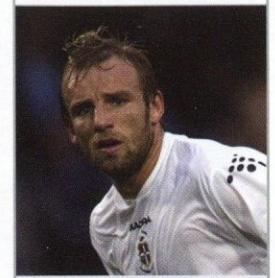
The Australian has proved great value for the £50,000 Luton paid Dundee for his services in 2001 and is just four appearances away from his 200th Hatters outing. The 27-year-old started with West Ham, moving north to Scotland in 2000.

Markus Heikkinen



The Finnish international quickly settled into the Hatters side after moving from Aberdeen last summer and netted his second goal against QPR last time out. The 27-year-old came to Britain on loan with Portsmouth before joining the Dons.

Paul Underwood



The 32-year-old has become an important part of the Hatters side since joining from Rushden in 2004. He made over 200 Diamonds appearances as the Irthingborough side charged into the Football League.

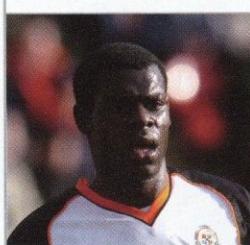
The Midfielders

Carlos Edwards



This Trinidad & Tobago international has been a mainstay since completing his summer move from Wrexham in the summer. He made 180 Dragons appearances during his five-year stay at the Racecourse Ground. Aged 27.

Enoch Showunmi



The 23-year-old joined the Hatters from Willesden Constantine in 2003 and has steadily progressed at Kenilworth Road. Made his 100th Luton appearance at Wolves earlier this month.

Kevin Nicholls



The £25,000 Luton paid Wigan for this 27-year-old in 2001 has proved to be money well spent. The former Charlton man has appeared 178 times for the Hatters and has 32 goals to his name so far.

Ahmet Brkovic



The Croatian midfielder joined the Hatters on a free from Leyton Orient in 2001 and is in line for his 180th Town outing this evening. The 31-year-old came to England in 1999, joining Orient from HNK Dubrovnik.

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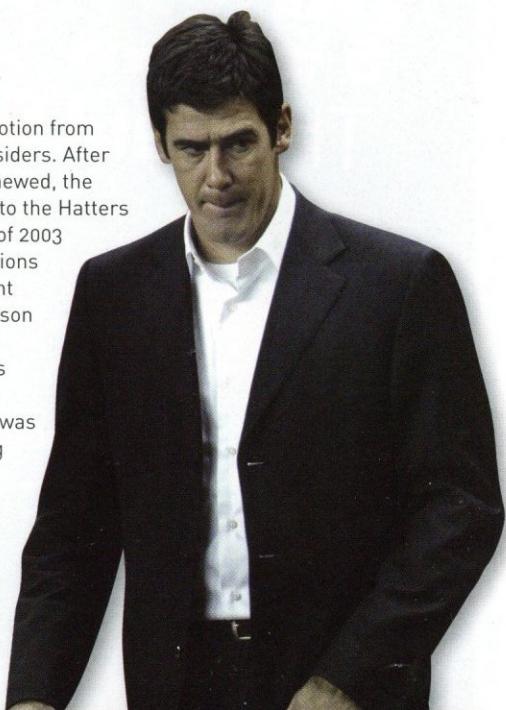
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Mike Newell

Hatters boss Mike Newell is engineering a new spell of success at the Kenilworth Road ground where he made his name with 19 goals in under two years as a player in the 1980s. A Premiership Champion with Blackburn in 1995, Mike was a hardworking centre forward who was on the books of 13 different clubs in a 19-year career, playing a total of 530 league games and scoring 120 goals. While playing for Blackburn against Rosenborg in the 1995-96 season, Mike scored the fastest hat-trick ever in the UEFA Champions League, netting his three goals in a spell of only nine minutes. Newell cuts his teeth as a manager by following Chris Turner at Hartlepool United, and completing

the job of winning promotion from League Two for the Teesiders. After his contract was not renewed, the Scouser was appointed to the Hatters hotseat in the summer of 2003 and built on the foundations laid by former incumbent Joe Kinnear. After a season of consolidation, Luton stormed to last season's League One title by 12 points and showed that was no fluke with a storming start on their return to the Championship. Still only 41, Newell's two promotions in three seasons have marked him out as one of football's bright young managerial talents.



No	Name	Pos	Date/Place of Birth	Date Signed/From	2005-06 LTFC Apps/Goals	LTFC Career Apps/Goals
1	Marlon Beresford	G	02 Sep 69, Lincoln	24 Jun 04, Barnsley	27/0	68/0
2	Kevin Foley	D	01 Nov 84, Luton	19 Jul 02, Trainee	25/0	108/4
3	Sol Davis	D	04 Sep 79, Cheltenham	16 Aug 02, Swindon Town	14/0	147/2
4	Chris Coyne	D	20 Dec 78, Brisbane [AUS]	18 Sep 01, Dundee	24/1	196/13
5	Russell Perrett	D	18 Jun 73, Barton-on-Sea	10 Aug 01, Cardiff City	9/0	102/8
6	Paul Underwood	D	16 Aug 73, Wimbledon	25 Mar 04, Rushden & Diamonds	24/0	66/5
7	Carlos Edwards	M	24 Oct, Port of Spain [T&T]	18 May 05, Wrexham	30/2	30/2
8	Kevin Nicholls	M	02 Jan 79, Newham	03 Aug 01, Wigan Athletic	26/5	178/32
9	Rowan Vine	F	21 Sep 82, Basingstoke	05 Jul 05, Portsmouth	16/3	16/3
10	Warren Feeney	F	17 Jan 81, Belfast	24 Mar 05, Stockport County	31/7	37/7
11	Steve Robinson	M	10 Dec 74, Lisburn	20 Jun 02, Preston North End	23/2	131/10
16	Enoch Showunmi	F	21 Apr 82, Kilburn	05 Sep 03, Willesden Constantine	30/1	101/15
17	Paul Hughes	M	19 Apr 76, Hammersmith	10 Aug 01, Southampton	0/0	88/7
18	Ahmet Brkovic	M	23 Sep 74, Dubrovnik [CRO]	04 Oct 01, Leyton Orient	29/6	179/33
19	Steve Howard	F	10 May 76, Durham	22 Feb 01, Northampton Town	29/11	212/99
21	Keith Keane	M	20 Nov 86, Luton	01 Jul 03, Trainee	6/0	42/1
22	Danny Stevens	M	26 Nov 86, Enfield	20 Sep 05, Tottenham Hotspur	0/0	0/0
23	Dean Morgan	M	03 Oct 83, Enfield	27 Jul 05, Reading	25/5	25/5
26	Markus Heikkinen	D	13 Oct 78, Katrineholm [FIN]	22 Jul 05, Aberdeen	29/2	29/2
27	Peter Holmes	M	18 Nov 80, Bishop Auckland	01 Aug 01, Sheffield Wednesday	17/2	112/12
28	David Bell	M	21 Jan 84, Kettering	12 Jan 06, Rushden & Diamonds	0/0	0/0
29	Calvin Andrew	F	19 Dec 86, Luton	01 Sept 04, Trainee	0/0	11/0
33	Dean Brill	G	10 Dec 85, Luton	01 Aug 02, Trainee	6/0	13/0
45	Leon Barnett	D	30 Nov 85, Stevenage	28 Sep 04, Trainee	11/0	16/0
47	Rob Beckwith	G	12 Sep 84, London	01 Aug 02, Trainee	0/0	19/0

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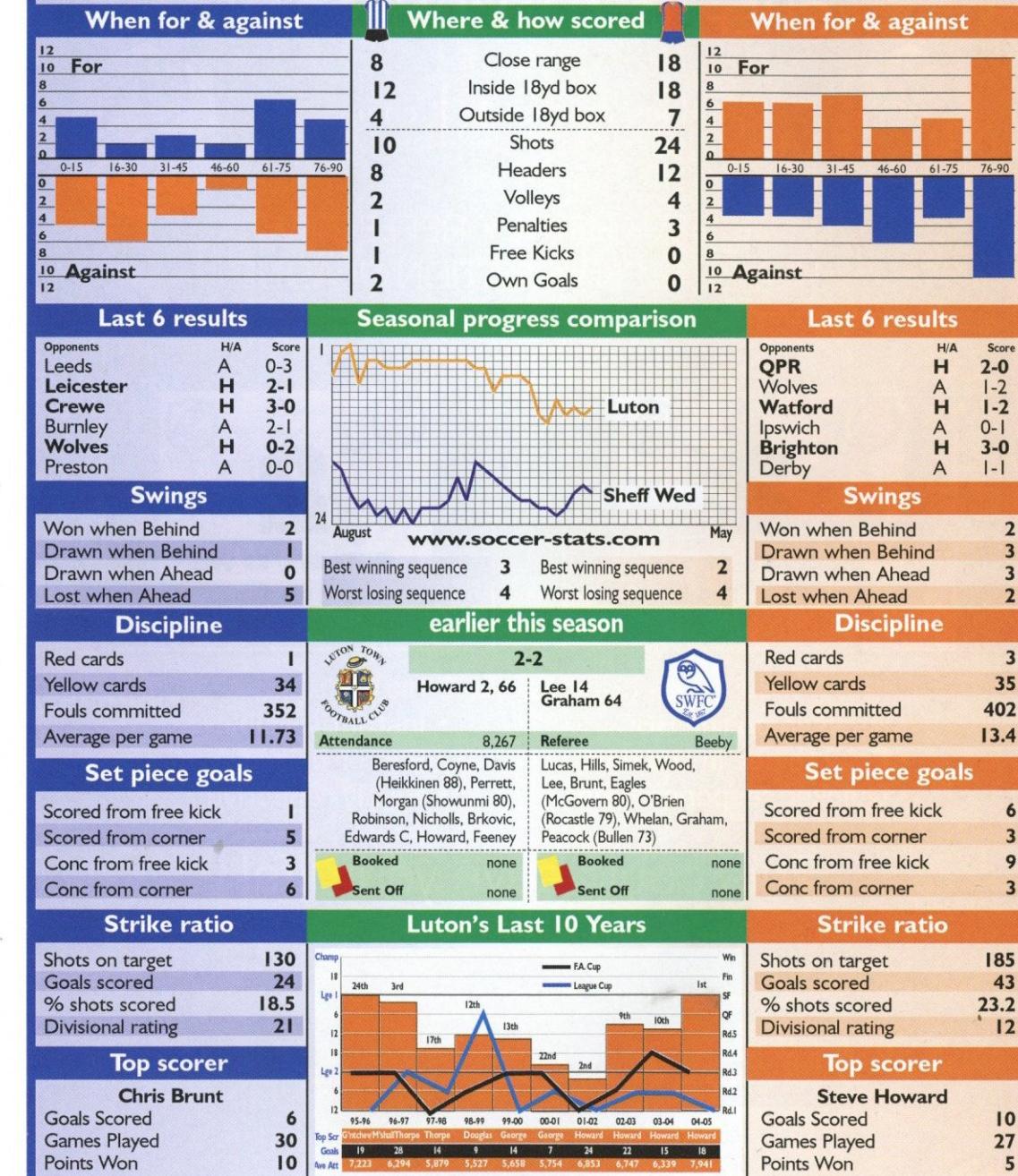
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Prior Engagements

Recent Meetings

Friday 23rd September 2005 – Kenilworth Road

Luton Town 2-2 Wednesday

Luton: Beresford, Edwards, Coyne, Perrett, Davis (Heikkinen), Brkovic, Robinson, Nicholls, Morgan (Showunmi), Feeney, Howard.

Subs not used: Brill, Keane, Holmes.

Wednesday: Lucas, Simek, Lee, Wood, Hills, Eagles (McGovern), Whelan, O'Brien (Rocastle), Brunt, Peacock (Bullen), Graham. **Subs not used:** Ross, Corr.

Scorers: Howard 2, 66, Lee 14, Graham 64.

Attendance: 9,500

Saturday 1st January 2005 – Kenilworth Road

Luton Town 1-1 Wednesday

Scorers: Jones 45, Howard 47.

Saturday 4th September 2004 – Hillsborough

Wednesday 0-0 Luton Town

Scorers: N/A

Saturday 1st May 2004 – Kenilworth Road

Luton Town 3-2 Sheffield Wednesday

Scorers: Shaw 23, Cooke 33, Howard 54, 90, O'Leary 78.

Saturday 22nd November 2003 – Hillsborough

Wednesday 0-0 Luton Town

Scorers: N/A



Back on terms... Graeme Lee celebrates his early leveller at Luton in September.

at Hillsborough

	P	W	D	L	F	A
LEAGUE	26	14	10	2	53	25
LEAGUE CUP	1	1	0	0	4	2
TOTAL	27	15	10	2	57	27

Overall

	P	W	D	L	F	A
LEAGUE	53	20	19	14	86	69
LEAGUE CUP	1	1	0	0	4	2
TOTAL	55	21	20	14	92	73

Biggest Wednesday win at Hillsborough: 6-0 (Division 2) 02/12/1899

Biggest Luton Town win at Hillsborough: 5-1 (Division 2) 10/10/1970



Andy Blair... netted three penalties in a game against Luton, 22 years ago.

Lucky Numbers

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In the two meetings of Luton Town and Sheffield Wednesday during the 1951-52 season legendary Wednesday front man Derek Dooley scored four goals, two in each game. SWFC managed a total of nine goals in two meetings against the Hatters that season.

11

The Owls were unbeaten in their first 11 home meetings with the Hatters, Luton finally ending that run in style with a 5-1 triumph in 1970.

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In the League Cup meeting between Wednesday and Luton in November 1984, Andy Blair scored a hat-trick of penalties inside 70 minutes of the game at Hillsborough.



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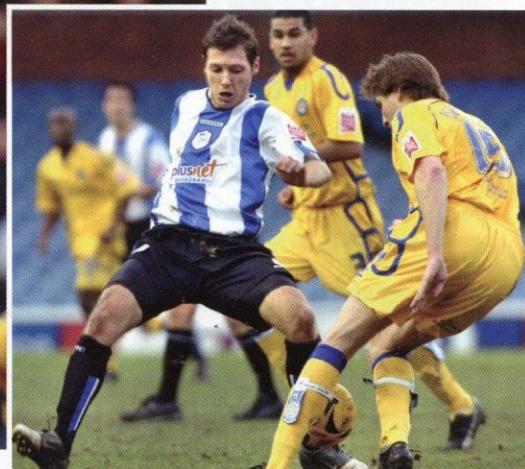
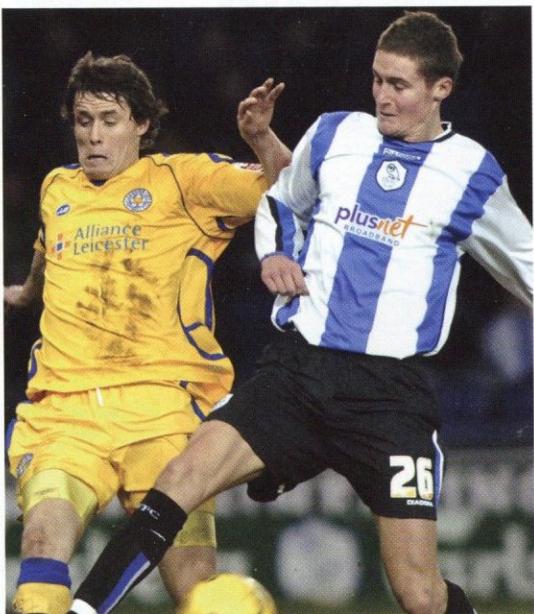
14th January 2006, Hillsborough



Team Line-ups							
POS	PLAYER	SUB	Y/R	POS	PLAYER	SUB	Y/R
G	Weaver			G	Douglas		
RB	Simek			RB	Stearman		HT
CB	Coughlan			CB	McCarthy		
CB	Wood			CB	Johansson		
LB	Gilbert			LB	Maybury		
RM	Brunt			RM	Hughes		
CM	Whelan		79	CM	Kisnorbo		
CM	O'Brien			CM	Williams		
LM	Hills			LM	Hamill		
CF	Tudgay		69	CF	de Vries		
CF	Burton			CF	Hammond		66
S	Lucas			S	O'Grady		
S	Bullen		79	S	Dublin		
S	Diallo			S	Gerrbrand		HT
S	Partridge			S	Hume		66
S	Corr		69	S	Fryatt		75

Match SUMMARY:

The Owls made it three wins in a row with a sterling first-half fightback against a Foxes side that arrived in S6 on the back of their FA Cup defeat of Tottenham. Leicester had put our Walkers Stadium meeting with them in September out of sight after 12 minutes and they again got an early goal when Richard Stearman netted a spectacular overhead kick after loose defending at a corner. But Wednesday are made of sterner stuff nowadays and, after Chris Brunt equalised with a scorching 30-yarder, Graham Coughlan nodded home John Hills' cross to earn Paul Sturrock's side three priceless points against a visiting side that dropped into the bottom three.



Key Moment

90th minute

Wednesday had held out against strong Leicester pressure for much of the second period but the prospect of another late equaliser at Hillsborough was raised when the ball broke to deadly hitman Mark de Vries, eight yards out. The Dutchman looked set to score with a low shot until Nicky Weaver appeared out of nowhere to pull off a vital save and preserve all three points.

Match Reaction

from Craig Levein

"We started well, but they came back into it with a magnificent goal. Maybe this was a reality check after last week. The players dream about playing in the Premiership, but in reality it's a lot different."

Match Reaction

from Paul Sturrock

"I was pleased with the reaction of the players after going 1-0 down so early. Many a time here we've gone behind and then our heads have dropped and we've gone 2-0 down. But they responded properly. We made it hard for ourselves in the second half but we hung on."

SWFC Community

Programme



Welcome to this tonight's game.

Pre game entertainment – "BT Community Cup"



Tonight SWFC hosts the final of the under-13 girls BT Community Cup. The SWFC Community Programme recently completed a very successful local tournament at Concord Sports Centre with 15 secondary school teams taking part. The two winners of the tournament play off tonight for the privilege of moving into the area final and representing SWFC against other local professional football clubs. The girls will then have opportunity to move to the northern regional final and ultimately the national final which will be played at either the new Wembley or the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff prior to one of the League play-off finals. The final tonight will see Westfield Secondary School play Wisewood Secondary School, coincidentally both schools are already or are about to be Sports Colleges and so have lived up to their billing! Good luck to both teams and well done to both for getting to this stage.



Holiday" Football Fun 4 All

SWFC Community Programme will be delivering a busy programme of "Holiday Football Fun 4 All" during the February half term holiday period.

The courses are open to all ability levels and provide professional coaching in excellent settings for children to enjoy the game of football and develop their skills.

Starts	Venue	Time	Age	Open To	Price
13 to 17 Feb	T. Ground	10am to 3pm	6-13	Mixed	£45
13 to 17 Feb	Sports Hall	10am to 3pm	6-13	Girls only	£45
13 to 15 Feb	Goals Soccer Centre	10am to 3pm	6-13	Mixed	£30
16 & 17 Feb	HSBC Sports Ground - Dore	10am to 3pm	6-13	Mixed	£20
20 to 24 Feb	Workshop Leisure Centre	10am to 3pm	6-13	Mixed	£45

** Childcare facilities are available for the courses at SWFC Sports hall and Training ground – for children ages 8 to 13 charged at £5.00 per day. The facility enables parents to drop off their children at 8am and collect at 6pm

You can ring the Community Office on **0114 2212215** or email community@sheffieldwednesday.co.uk for details and a booking form.

After School - Football Fun 4 All

New Year Times and Dates

Starts	Venue	Time	Age	Open To	Price
Monday 9th	T. Ground	3.45-5.00	7-11	Girls only	£2
Monday 9th	T. Ground	3.45-5.00	7-11	Junior Kickers	£2
Thursday 5th	T. Ground	4.00-5.15	7-14	GK coaching	£3
Friday 9th	T. Ground+	4.00-5.00	5-7	Mini Kickers	£2

+NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

*PLEASE NOTE ACTIVITIES WILL NOT RUN IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

BIRTHDAY Football Fun 4 All

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Non Match Day Saturday Club

The FITC team have now restarted their non match day Saturday Club – the club takes place between 10am and 12.00noon on every Saturday when SWFC are NOT at home – for 7 to 10 year olds - £3.50 per week.

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Representative Teams

SWFC Ability Counts Club

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SODA

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Anyone interested in being part of SODA should contact Pauline Bronks at SWFC on **0870 999 1867**.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th February 2006 in the Riverside Suite at SWFC – 6.30 for 6.45pm start

Wise Old Owls

Sheffield Wednesday's Wise Old Owls Luncheon Club for the over 50's meets at SWFC on a monthly basis. A three course meal and guest speaker provide an excellent afternoon's entertainment. New members are most welcome. For further details contact Eric and Marjorie on **0114 243 5564**.

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PuzzleTime

This afternoon, we are delighted to introduce our Study Support Centre's recently-appointed manager Lynn Paradine.



Name: Lynn Paradine
Age: 49

About Yourself. I am from Sheffield and have lived here all my life. I am trained as a secondary school teacher and worked at High Storrs School for many years. I have three grown up children. When I am not work I enjoy socialising, walking in the Peak district and visiting other countries.

What do you do at the club? I work in the study centre, where we provide educational support for children from local school with their Maths, English and ICT.

Best thing about working of Sheffield Wednesday? Meeting the players

Who is your favourite player? Chris Brunt
Who is your favourite band? Rolling Stones

Best place to visit? South of France

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The Anagram

Can you un-jumble the letters to reveal a football team?

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Last Issues Answers

Anagram: Bayern Munich **Marvellous Midfield:** Frank Lampard, Tim Cahill, Papa Bouba Diop, Robert Pires.
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- To advise SWFC on anti racism and anti discrimination policy.
- To advise SWFC in the monitoring of its anti racism and anti discrimination policy, procedures and training.
- To encourage more people (especially children) of ethnic minority background to play football.
- To encourage more people (especially children) of ethnic minority background to watch football.
- To develop closer links between SWFC and ethnic minority communities.
- To encourage more people of ethnic minority background to become interested in and support SWFC
- To encourage more people of ethnic minority background to utilise the facilities at SWFC.
- To utilise the game of football as a vehicle for improvements, for people of ethnic background, in education, health and social inclusion.
- To promote inclusive football initiatives to all regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or ability.
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COLUMN
with Lee Bullen



Captain's Column

Welcome back to Hillsborough for another crucial encounter against Luton Town this evening.

Luton are a team who we know well after our battles with them last year and it was a good game down at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season, in which there were a few goals.

Therefore we know we have a very tough match ahead of us. Our recent meetings with Luton have been exciting and are normally quite close. Games with them are always something to look forward to because they play good football. The three meetings over the past season and a half have all been draws so that it is bound to change sometime and hopefully it will be in our favour. Luton have fantastic individual players which generally I don't feel they get credit for. Because they are a so-called 'smaller club', people tend to describe them as hard-working and well-organised but they have some really good footballers with tremendous quality. They also have a young good manager who has done excellently since taking over there. He will have done his homework on us, will know our strengths and

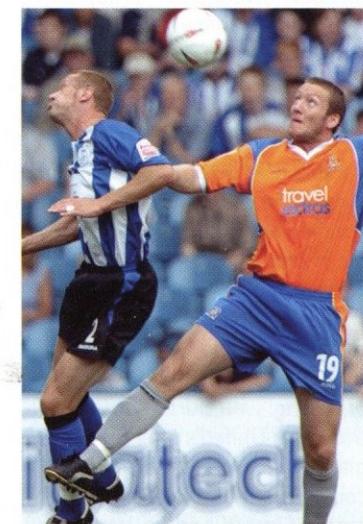
weaknesses and will have his team wound up for this match.

FLASHES

Steven MacLean came through unscathed from 45 minutes in the reserves last week and it was brilliant to see him back. He showed flashes of his old self and was as positive as always. He wanted to play on but I think the coaching staff were right to wrap him up in cotton wool a bit. We have Deon and Marcus up front so there's more cover in that department now. Steven will have a few tough training sessions and then, you never know, he could be on the bench very shortly. We suffered a disappointing result in our last game against a very strong Leeds side who are challenging for promotion. Before the game we thought it would be difficult to come away with something but we were a bit disappointed looking back on the match. We were solid as a unit and made it difficult for them. I don't think Nicky Weaver had a save to make until they got the first goal and their tails were up after that. We were chasing to get a goal back

and they caught us soon after. The 3-0 scoreline put a bit of a gloss on it for Leeds but there are a lot of positives we can take out of the game. We went to a very difficult place, held them for 70 minutes and the shape of the team looked really strong. If we can take that into tonight's game and get a break in front of goal then we won't be far away from getting the three points.

Enjoy the game.



Good players...Lee up against Steve Howard, who is chasing his 100th Luton goal this evening.

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Improvement is a must for this trio of clubs

Championship Form

Last Saturday and FA Cup exit apart, 2006 is so far proving productive for Wednesday (touch wood), but some clubs in the division aren't enjoying the fledgling year quite as much. In his regular Championship round-up, James Oldfield spotlights three sides whose current form is prompting nervous glances at the table as the season enters its final third...



CLARETS GOING DOWN TOO SWIFTLY

They might occupy a comparatively lofty placing of tenth, but at their present rate of descent, **Burnley** could find themselves embroiled in the relegation scrap by the onset of spring.

It's six games without a win now for Steve Cotterill's outfit – a sequence encompassing five defeats (including an FA Cup exit to Derby plus a damaging 2-0 home reverse to Preston in the Lancashire derby the weekend before last) and causing a slide out of the top six slot they inhabited on Boxing Day. Perhaps even more worryingly, they've notched only one league goal so far in 2006.

The protracted tug-of-war with the Blades over leading marksman Ade Akinbiyi seemed to have been resolved at the time of writing, with Burnley finally accepting United's offer for the giant striker. It's a decision that could have massive ramifications for the Clarets' season. With 14 to his credit, Akinbiyi is responsible for over a third of the team's goals tally this term – having to find that contribution from elsewhere would be a headache Cotterill could do without.

To say they once nurtured play-off ambitions (and probably still do), Burnley haven't convinced against their fellow Premiership wannabees, having won only three out of 16 fixtures versus sides in the upper half.

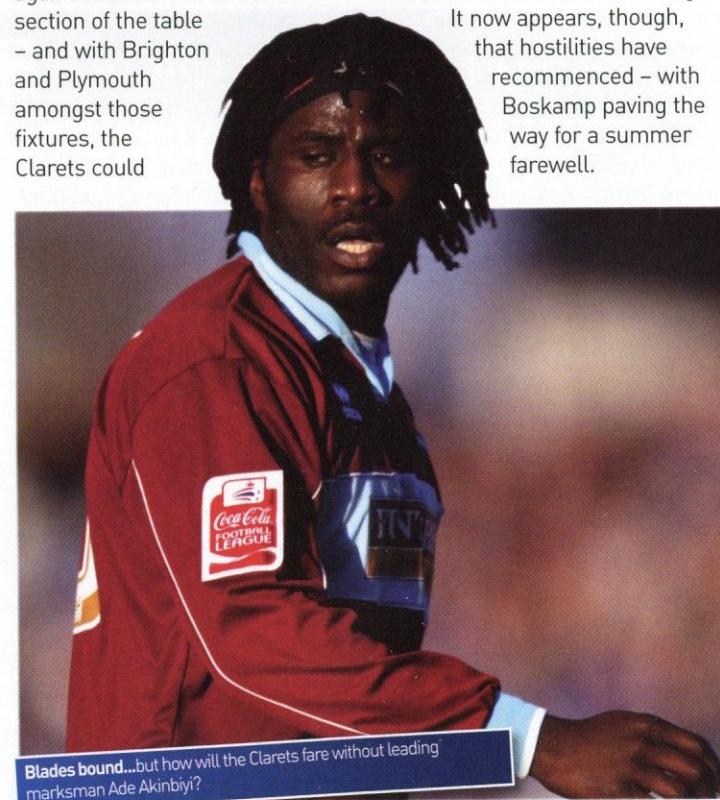
Thankfully for Cotterill, five of his club's next six matches are against sides in the bottom section of the table – and with Brighton and Plymouth amongst those fixtures, the Clarets could

have a big say in the relegation issue as they attempt to safeguard being dragged into it themselves.

WHO RULES BRITANNIA?

Last time this feature checked out **Stoke**, gaffer Johan Boskamp had seemingly buried the hatchet with assistant boss Jan de Koning and Director of Football John Rudge.

It now appears, though, that hostilities have recommenced – with Boskamp paving the way for a summer farewell.



Blades bound...but how will the Clarets fare without leading marksman Ade Akinbiyi?

"My contract finishes on June 30th," he retorted, when asked to clarify the situation recently. "Everyone knows the problems and I haven't changed my mind. I have my principles. I'm disappointed because I like it here very much, but it's not in my hands."

Oh dear. We can only guess what impact the Dutchman's impending departure will have on the squad for the remainder of the campaign – but having taken only one point from the last six games and needing a replay plus penalties to overcome non-league Tamworth in the cup, something is clearly amiss at the Britannia.

And it's at their Staffordshire HQ that the Potters' have suffered most: whilst only five Championship teams have registered more 'away' points than City (with 21 to date), they've collected fewer points on their own patch (just 17) than everyone bar Crewe and Millwall. Essentially, Stoke look like play-off contenders on the road (triumphing at Preston and Luton, amongst others), but degenerate into relegation candidates at home – their 3-0 drubbing by Hull ten days ago, for instance, during which the over-generous hosts missed two penalties.

The absence of joint top scorer Sam Bangoura (away on African Cup of Nations duty with Guinea) won't help, although the other box is where the problem lies: it's now nine league games since City's last clean sheet, with just four sides in the division conceding more than their 44 against so far.

FOXES BECOME ENDANGERED SPECIES

On current form, Leicester are the Championship's weakest



Paying the price...the Foxes' Craig Levein was culled after their sixth straight league defeat.

link – and face the growing prospect of saying 'goodbye' to the top two divisions for the first time in their 112-year league history. Their FA Cup exploits aside, a surprise 4-2 pounding of our red and white neighbours back in November is the Foxes' only win in the last 15 games, and they're presently reeling from a salvo of six straight league defeats.

City's worries are compounded by the fact that they've actually created more attempts on goal than any other side in the division (315 at the last count) but have found the net less often than all but three Championship outfits. The stat didn't impress the club's Executive Director Tim Davies.

"Our main issue is scoring goals," he mused. "We are top of the shots on target table

Improvement is a must for this trio of clubs

Match Review

18th January 2006, Hillsborough



Match SUMMARY:

The Owls were sent out of the FA Youth Cup despite enjoying the lion's share of possession in this fourth round tie. Newcastle made the most of two errors to advance to a meeting with Brentford in the last 16 but they were made to fight all the way by Mark Smith's gritty side. Andy Carroll opened the scoring

early on, racing onto Kozenga Lua Lua's pass to score with a low shot, but the hosts were undeterred and edged the midfield battle. Andy Broadbent struck the leveller with a fine 20-yard drive but, after Lua Lua put James Troisi away for the winner, the Owls could not recover for a second time.

Team Line-ups	
POS	PLAYER
G	O'Donnell
CB	McMenamin
CB	Spurr
CB	Appleyard
RWB	Fores-Chambers
CM	McClements
CM	Brackenridge
CM	Broadbent
LWB	Jones
CF	Bowman
CF	Kee
S	Jameson
S	Kay
S	White
S	Ellis
S	Modest
SUB	
Y/R	
POS	PLAYER
G	Krul
RB	Cowan
CB	Huntingdon
CB	Marr
LB	Deverdics
RM	Donninger
CM	Cavener
CM	Lua Lua
CM	Troisi
LM	Critchlow
CF	Kee
S	Forster
S	Terrell
S	Morris
S	Reay
S	Godsmark
SUB	
Y/R	



Match Reaction from Mark Smith

"I thought we were excellent from start to finish. We didn't get what we deserved but we got a lot of pride out of it. We tried to play football and had a good link, with the midfielders getting ahead of the ball."

Key Moment

65th minute

The Owls had come out strongly at the start of the second half and were pushing to build on Andy Broadbent's equaliser. But, out of nothing, the visitors capitalised on a defensive mistake for the second time in the match, with James Troisi's mazy run ending in the winning goal.

Match Reaction

from Glenn Roeder

"I've got to be pleased with the result although there is still improvement to be made in the quality of some of our passing. I've praised the boys for their great effort, determination and character."

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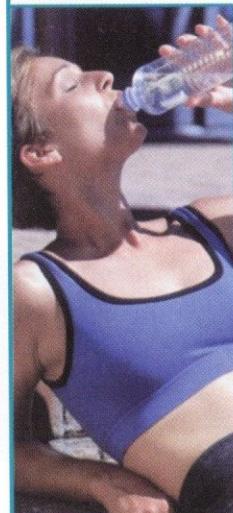
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Reserves Round-Up

The second-string began the New Year with two disappointing performances but remain well-placed in the Pontins League.



Wednesday 11 January
Rotherham United 1
Wednesday 1

Kyle Fores-Chambers fired a last-minute equaliser to earn the Owls' reserves a draw at Millmoor. The youngster netted from close-range to secure a point for Wednesday, bringing SWFC level after Ryan Taylor put Rotherham ahead in the 70th minute.

The hosts had twice hit the post in the first half, during which time Patrick Collins' long-range drive was Wednesday's best opening. David Lucas made a great save to thwart Mark Newsham after the Millers scored but, after substitute David Kee was denied an Owls equaliser in the 88th minute, Lee Bullen set up Fores-Chambers to clinch a point. Coach Mark Smith felt Wednesday got out of jail after a below-par display.

"I thought we were quite fortunate," he said. "We were generally lacklustre, lethargic and there was a poor attitude shown by some players for whatever reason."

"The kids didn't respond or perform and we were lucky to come out with a 1-1. But to be fair, that is probably the first time the older players have

come into the reserves with the slightly different attitude.

"It was embarrassing at half-time, they should have been four or five goals up. I thought it would be interesting to see how we reacted when they scored and in the last ten minutes, we started having a go."

Team: Lucas; Fores-Chambers, Diallo (Brackenridge 73), Spurr, Heckingbottom (McAllister 62); Bullen, Collins, Rocastle, Thorpe; Bowman, Jordan (Kee 61). Unused sub: O'Donnell.



Returning messiah... Steven MacLean made his Owls comeback in the reserve defeat to Huddersfield.

Tuesday 24 January
Wednesday 0
Huddersfield Town 1

Steven MacLean's comeback pleased a healthy Hillsborough crowd, despite the reserves slipping to defeat.

MacLean came through the first half with no problems, though his opposite number John McAliskey

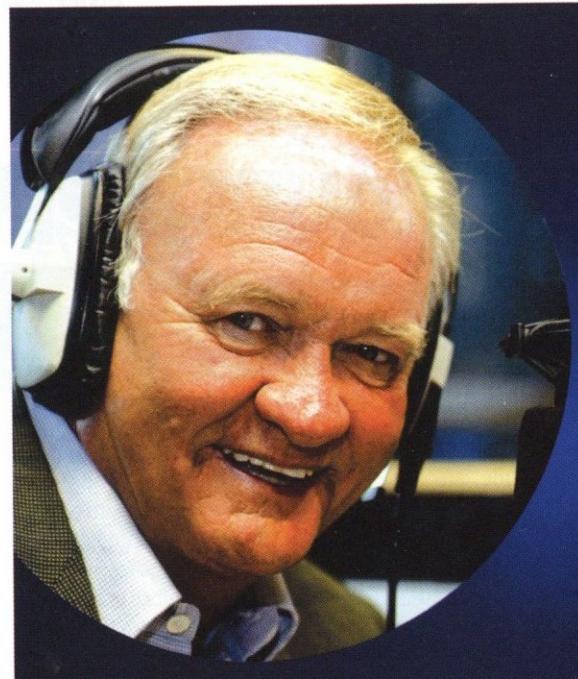
headed the 15th-minute winner from Adnan Ahmed's corner.

MacLean showed intent with two efforts in the final 15 minutes of the first half, shooting wide from a Sean McAllister lay-off before blasting past the angle just before the break. The Owls went close after the break with a long-range effort from skipper Lee Bullen, who also hit the bar from a 25-yard curling free kick. Patrick Collins' effort was chalked off for offside and McAllister forced a diving save from Simon Eastwood but Town held out.

"We had more than enough opportunities to have got something," said coach Mark Smith. "We got the ball into enough areas, caused them problems and really should have come away with something. But sometimes you get games where it doesn't look like it's going to run for you in the box."

"Bully hit the bar with a free-kick and had a couple of headers when we shoved him up front with five or ten minutes to go. Kyle Jordan had a couple of incidents, he should have played David Kee in and then should have shot. All our chances fell to kids who are still learning."

Team: Adamson, Bullen, Diallo (Broadbent 45), Appleyard, Spurr; Thorpe (McClements 80), McAllister, P Collins, Partridge; MacLean (Jordan 45), Kee. Unused subs: O'Donnell, Fores-Chambers.



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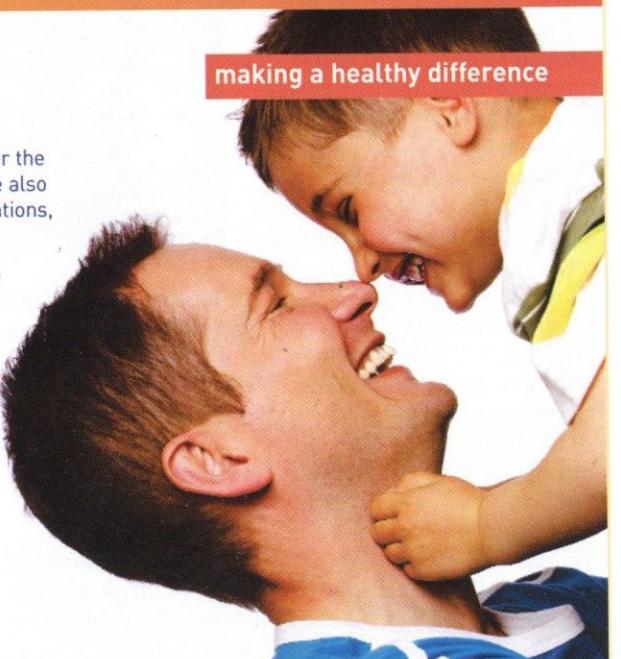
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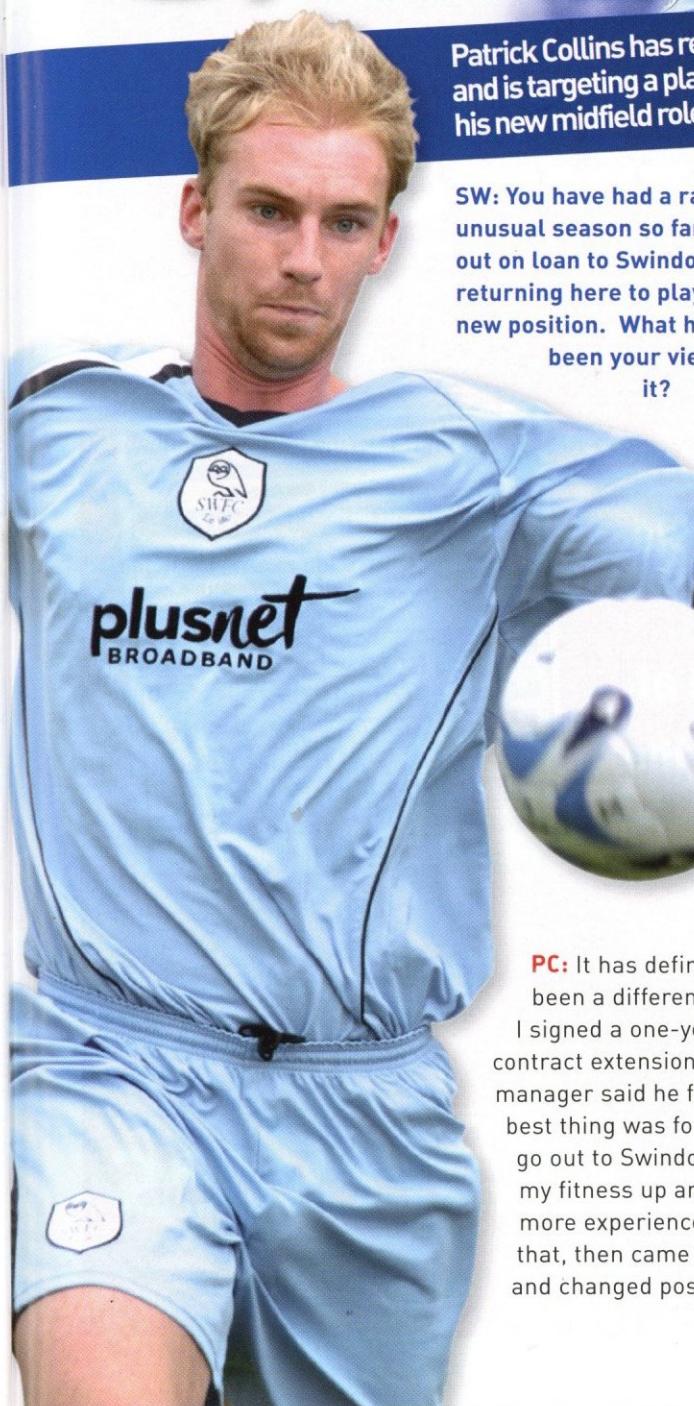
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Q&A

with...
Patrick Collins

Patrick Collins has returned from his loan spell at Swindon and is targeting a place in the Owls first-team – possibly in his new midfield role.



SW: You have had a rather unusual season so far, going out on loan to Swindon before returning here to play in a new position. What has been your view of it?

the team in a higher league. To be honest, the season hasn't really started for me yet. I really want to try and get into the team. I have played two reserve games and feel I'm getting better and better in that position.

SW: You have now played two reserve games in central midfield, how do you feel it has gone?

PC: Alright, it is difficult adjusting. I'm learning different things each game, sometimes I have the mindset of a defender and have to think 'I'm a midfielder and have to do this and that.' I've enjoyed getting on the ball more and being able to influence the game instead of just defending.

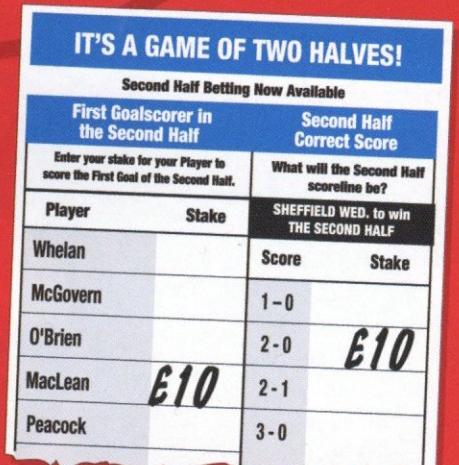
SW: Did it come as a surprise when the manager told you he wanted to see you in midfield?

PC: It was a little bit, though not massively so. I have always known my strength was

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going forward so, if I wasn't playing right-back, it could be utilised in a different position. I know I'm not a forward so the obvious thing was to try midfield.

SW: The manager has spoken about using your fitness and ability to get forward in midfield. You used these attributes well in the play-off final and helped to change the game...

PC: It was good to be able to help the team and I was thrilled to be a part of it. I would have been devastated not to be involved after getting there. When it was tight, me and the other two lads – Steven MacLean and Drew Talbot – got on, the manager told me to get up and down and affect the game. It was probably the biggest highlight of my career so far – a great day. I still watch the DVD to inspire me to think 'this is where you've been, you need to take this a step further and get back in the team.' It spurs me on to know I have that under my belt.

SW: You spent the first half of the season on loan with Swindon, what did you learn from that spell?

PC: I played the first 10-15 games, then a new manager came in and wasn't picking me. I had to adjust my mindset to think 'when I get a chance, I'll impress.' I had to

playing. I learnt a lot about what it takes to work hard and get back in the team.

SW: You have been told that you have a few months to impress in midfield, so you have a challenge ahead...

PC: Yeah, but you never stand still and think 'I'm settled here and have a contract.' You are always wanting to improve and pushing yourself. Whether I have a month, two months or two years, I'm always going to play the same and work just as hard. It is a lot of added pressure but you just have to take that. All I'll ever do is try my best, listen to what people have to say and try and learn from that.

SW: How do you see your career developing over the next year or two?

PC: I honestly think I can play in midfield. The hardest decision for the management is deciding where my best position is. It is hard to improve when you aren't in a position for an extensive period of time. It is about figuring out whether I'm good enough to play in midfield at this level. I have felt happy and comfortable there, it is just about waiting for that chance if someone is suspended or injured and whether the manager will ask me to come in. That's when the test will come.

Jason Dickinson steps back in time to review a solid top-flight season in the 1960s for the Owls.

TIME TRAVEL

1964-1965
8TH DIVISION ONE

SUMMER

The Owls went into the summer recess without a manager after Vic Buckingham's departure in April 1964. His replacement proved to be a familiar face as Alan Brown – who sensationally walked out on Sunderland after having led them to promotion to the First Division – had worked as trainer at Wednesday in the early 1950s and joined a club which was still reeling from the bribes scandal of a few months earlier. The two star players implicated in the case – David Layne and Peter Swan – were told to report for training along with the rest of the squad although sadly neither would play another top-flight game for Wednesday. The Owls' pre-season consisted of two games during a tour of West Germany, with future UEFA Cup foes Kaiserslautern beating Wednesday 2-1 and then Werder Bremen winning by a solitary goal. Unfortunately for promising young forward David Ford, the tour was disastrous as he picked up a serious injury that kept him out of the game for the whole of the 1964-65 campaign.

AUGUST

A 1-0 home win over Blackburn Rovers kicked off the Brown era and a draw at Highbury ensured the new man at the helm enjoyed a fine start. Meanwhile, off the field, the

club announced plans to build, at a cost of £40,000, an indoor training centre behind the new North Stand

SEPTEMBER

September was a busy month for the Owls as, in addition to playing eight league games, they also travelled to Denmark to take part in an exhibition game as part of British Trade week. In the competitive action Wednesday opened the month with a win over Arsenal but there was gloom on the blue side of Sheffield a few days later when a brace from Alan

Birchenall secured a Hillsborough win for old foes United. A thumping home win over Burnley put the smile back on Wednesday faces with a rare hat-trick from post-war top scorer John Fantham helping the Owls record a nap hand to move into the top half of the table. However there was bad news for striker Mark Pearson as he suffered the first of two leg breaks he would endure during the season. The aforementioned friendly in Scandinavia proved a major embarrassment for the Owls as they slumped 4-1 against part-timers Aarhus.

OCTOBER

Just six days after the Danish pasting the Owls showed their true mettle when travelling to the German town of Dusseldorf to face a strong Select XI side. The opposition boasted several full German internationals in their line-up but, despite Wednesday having Peter Eustace sent off near the end, they held on for a praiseworthy 0-0 draw in front of 30,000 fans. On their return, the Owls drew at Everton and then hit another five goals at home – Birmingham being on the receiving end this time with both Fantham and Derek Wilkinson grabbing braces. A win at Upton Park and home draw with West Brom left the Owls in ninth place as autumn dawned.

SWFC score printed first		
	H	A
ARSENAL	2-1	1-1
ASTON VILLA	3-1	0-2
BIRMINGHAM	5-2	0-0
BLACKBURN	1-0	1-0
BLACKPOOL	4-1	0-1
BURNLEY	5-1	1-4
CHELSEA	2-3	1-1
EVERTON	0-1	1-1
FULHAM	1-1	0-2
LEEDS UNITED	3-0	0-2
LEICESTER CITY	0-0	2-2
LIVERPOOL	1-0	2-4
MANCHESTER UTD	1-0	0-1
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	0-0	2-2
SHEFFIELD UTD	0-2	3-2
STOKE CITY	1-1	1-4
SUNDERLAND	2-0	0-3
TOTTENHAM H	1-0	2-3
WEST BROMWICH A	1-1	0-1
WEST HAM NITED	2-0	2-1
WOLVES	2-0	1-3

NOVEMBER

Three points from four games was the club's record in November with Manchester United the only side to lower Wednesday's colours.

DECEMBER

Bad weather ensured the Owls played only twice over the festive period – back-to-back meetings with Leicester City – with the highlight of the month coming on the last Saturday before Christmas when Blackpool were well beaten at Hillsborough. The days before Sunday trading ensuring the crowd was 4,000 down on the average for the season.

JANUARY

The New Year could not have started better for Wednesday fans as a double from Fantham helped the Owls to a 3-2 win at Bramall Lane – Fantham's winner coming with just seven minutes left. A week later it needed an injury-time equaliser from Everton to deny the Owls an FA Cup win at Goodison Park but the result was clear cut in the replay – the Toffees winning 3-0 in front of a bumper Hillsborough crowd of 50,080. It was Merseyside opposition again on the following Saturday and, despite losing 4-2 at Anfield, it was a memorable day for rookie goalie Peter Wicks who became the club's youngest

ever player at 16 years, eight months and two days (a record subsequently beaten by Peter Fox in the 1970s). The major story of January 1965 revolved around the 'bribes scandal' with Owls players Kay and Layne both being found guilty and sentenced to four months in jail – in addition to being banned for life from football. The verdict would have a damning effect on the Owls fortunes as they lost two of the best players to have ever worn the blue and white shirt with not even a penny of compensation forthcoming to replace them.

FEBRUARY

Just a solitary win was accrued in February to keep the Owls firmly in mid-table while defender Robin Hardy moved to neighbours Rotherham United on a contract until the end of the season.

MARCH

Hopes of a top six finish rose dramatically in the month as three wins moved the club up into the top eight – the two-point hauls coming against West Ham, Villa and Manchester United. The period also saw the Owls host a return clash with pre-season opponents Werder Bremen that saw the Germans complete a double after a 3-2 success.

TOP SCORERS: (All competitions)

John FANTHAM	20
John HICKTON	10
Colin DOBSON	9
John QUINN	7
Mark PEARSON	3

TOP APPEARANCES: (All competitions)

Colin DOBSON	44
Don MEGSON	44
Vic MOBLEY	44
John FANTHAM	43
John QUINN	42

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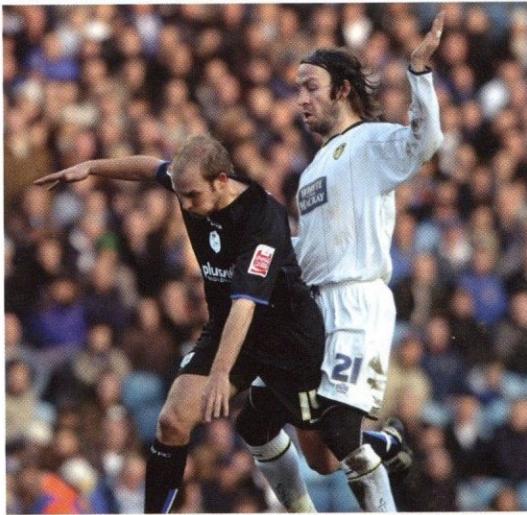
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APRIL/MAY

The first away game of the period saw future Owls attacker John Ritchie score all four goals as Wednesday were beaten heavily in the Potteries. A couple of home wins, over Spurs and Leeds, lifted the club into seventh spot but a poor end to the season saw the club drop back down the league. Three days after losing their final game of the season – at Sunderland – the Owls were in Poland facing a Warsaw Select XI and they faced another select side in front of an astonishing 70,000 crowd in Katowice. On their way home, the Owls flew into Madrid to face local side Valencia and finally brought the curtain down on the season by winning 4-3 against Dublin side Shamrock Rovers!

Match Review

21st January 2006, Elland Road

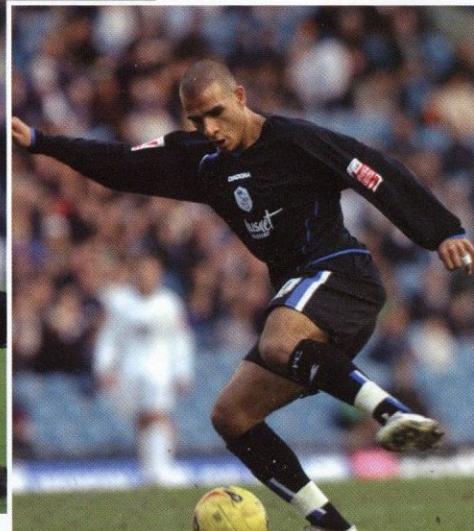
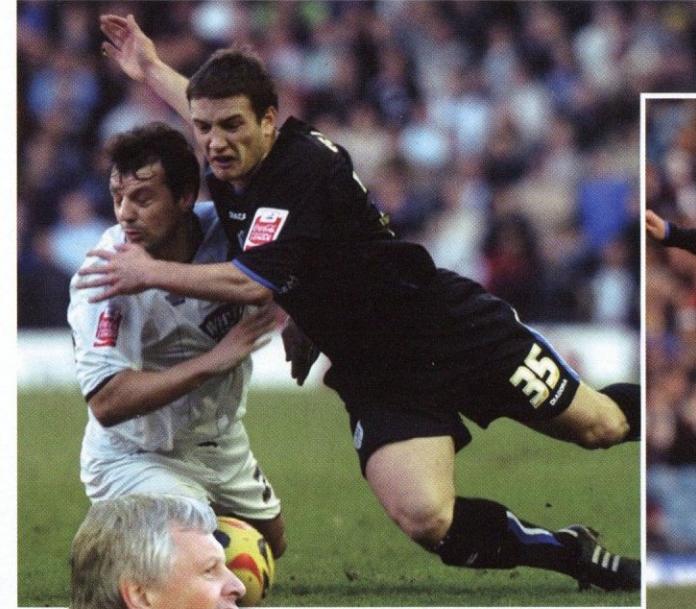


Match SUMMARY:

Wednesday went down to defeat against their Yorkshire rivals but the final scoreline flattered the hosts after the Owls had charged forward in a bid to retrieve the match. Paul Sturrock's side had looked fairly comfortable soaking up the home side's pressure and created the odd chance of their own on the break.

But the match hinged on a seven-minute period in which Graham Coughlan's header was deemed by the officials not to have crossed the line, before Paul Butler finally made a breakthrough that Leeds were determined not to relinquish. Richard Cresswell's late double "merely adding salt" to the wounds.

Team Line-ups							
POS	PLAYER	SUB	Y/R	POS	PLAYER	SUB	Y/R
G	Sullivan			G	Weaver		
RB	Kelly			RB	Simek		
CB	Butler			CB	Coughlan		
CB	Gregan			CB	Wood		
LB	Crainey			LB	Gilbert		
CM	Derry	83		CM	O'Brien	76	
CM	Douglas	63		CM	Whelan		
CM	Miller			CM	Hills		
RF	Blake			RF	Brunt		
CF	Cresswell			CF	Burton		
LF	Lewis			LF	Tudgay	76	
S	Bennett			S	Lucas		
S	Pugh			S	Diallo		
S	Einarsson			S	Bullen		
S	Walton	83		S	Partridge	76	
S	Healy	63		S	Corr	76	



Key Moment

70th minute

The first goal was always going to be vital and, seven minutes after Graham Coughlan thought he had put the Owls ahead, Leeds finally broke the visitors down. Paul Butler headed home Jonathan Douglas' cross to leave no way back for Wednesday.

Match Reaction

from Kevin Blackwell

"I thought 3-0 was a fair result and am pleased with the attitude of the players. The three points were vital and we showed no signs of tiredness from the Wigan game on Tuesday."

Match Reaction

from Paul Sturrock

"I didn't feel that 3-0 was a fair result. I chucked my cavaliers on to see if we could chase the game. I'd rather lose two or three nothing than sit back and saunter out with a 1-0 defeat."

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In the Spotlight

In a season of mixed fortunes for Tottenham, boss Martin Jol finds his side out of both Cups at the first hurdle, yet flying high in unfamiliar territory in the league well over half way through the season. With the Premiership's second biggest squad at his disposal, will the 'maybe next year' team of the Premiership finally lay the ghost of a campaign with no European football

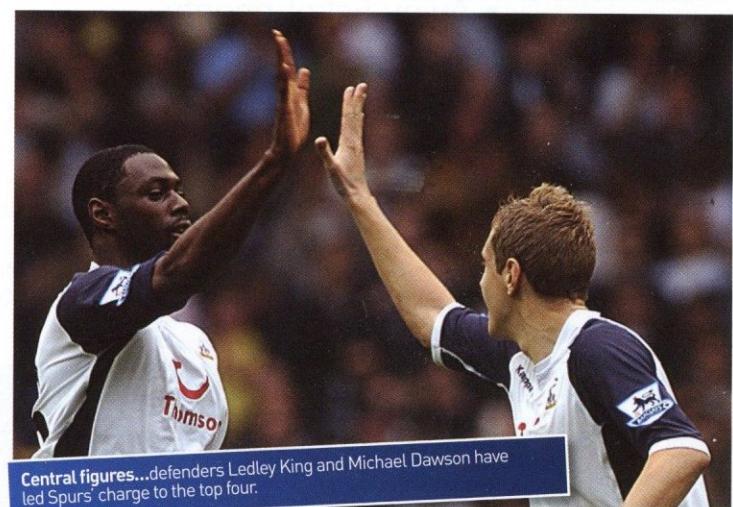
Labelled traditionally as a 'Cup Team', Tottenham certainly didn't live up to that mantle this season, as both knockout competitions passed them by at the first hurdle.

Usually the cups act as the only route to European football for Spurs, considering their mostly mid-table finishes since the Premiership's commencement. But in stark contrast this season, Tottenham find themselves embroiled in a battle not only for a Uefa Cup spot, but the Champions League. In addition to this, it is likely that if qualification to the 'holy land' were to be achieved, it would come at the expense of their beloved neighbours Arsenal. On the eve of the opening-day games, Spurs fans – and probably Martin Jol – would have tightly grasped the thought of a Uefa Cup spot, and now that the season enters its last third this is a real opportunity for them to make this a reality. Even the most optimistic of Tottenham supporters could not have envisaged being in fourth place with 23 games played, but to be fair to Tottenham, who led the Premiership table for a short stint back in September, they have not dropped outside the top six for the season's entirety. This, it would seem is largely down to the team's stout defence, led by the talented skipper Ledley King, whose partnership with Michael Dawson

has come to fruition of late. Dawson, who with winger Andy Reid cost the club £8 million exactly a year ago, has made a real leap in his development, and there have been murmurs around the England camp of a possible inclusion to the squad that will head for Germany at the end of the season. Tottenham's defensive record is bettered only by Champions Chelsea, the very much in-form Liverpool, and rivals Arsenal. Which is just as well, because goals have been hard to come by at times with Defoe only on five for the season, and Keane just ahead with seven. However it is loan-signing Mido who has been claiming the plaudits of late. Although he has now departed for African Nations Cup duty, the man borrowed from Roma has

displayed a number of impressive performances, top scored with nine goals, and is an automatic inclusion for Martin's men.

Morale around the club is high, and the focus of the team has been on youth, with Defoe, Jenas, Carrick, Dawson, King and Robinson all possibilities for Sven's World Cup squad, but a particular mention should be given to Aaron Lennon, the 18-year-old a summer signing from Leeds, who has been a real bright spark and looks to have exceptional talent and a very successful future ahead. There is little doubt that Tottenham is a club on the up and really going places, and perhaps the team whose motto has been 'maybe next year', for so long, can make that year this one.



Central figures...defenders Ledley King and Michael Dawson have led Spurs charge to the top four.

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Ticket News

Todays Mascot - Wednesday



Joshua Sutton

Age: 8

School: Angram Bank Primary School

Favourite players: Chris Brunt, Lee Peacock, Chris Eagles

Hobbies: Football, tennis and maths



Our mascot at **Leeds United** was: William Ftrain

Age: 10

School: St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Doncaster

Favourite player:

Jon-Paul McGovern

Hobbies: Playing football, watching SWFC and listening Football Heaven



Our mascots for the **Leicester** game were: Ashleigh Grace Sykes, aged 11, and nine-year-old Georgia Alice Sykes.

Ticket Prices

League Matches Only

Windsor Foodservice South Stand

Matchday £24 adults, £14 concessions

Pre-Matchday £23 adults, £13 concessions

Sheffield Assay Office North Stand

Matchday £22 adults, £13 concessions

Pre-Matchday £20 adults, £12 concessions

Hallam FM Kop

Matchday £18 adults, £10 concessions

Pre-Matchday £17 adults, £10 concessions

Family Enclosure

Matchday £18 adults, £10 concessions

Pre-Matchday £17 adults, £10 concessions

***Note: non-members of the Family Enclosure are required to pay a £3 match day membership.**



Fast Forward

Sat 4 Feb 2006
Millwall

Kick Off: 3.00pm
The Den



ALL TICKET GAME

The Lions' form can be read one of two ways – pessimists would say they haven't scored in three matches and haven't won in four. Optimists would point to just one defeat in their last six league games, putting them in the top half of the post-Christmas form table.

Ticket Prices

Adult £17, Over-60 £10, Under-16 £7

Ticket Availability

NOW ON GENERAL SALE

Inter-City Owl departs at 9.15am

ADULT MEMBERS	£16.00
JUNIOR MEMBERS	£14.00
NON-MEMBERS	£18.00

Directions

From M1, then A1, follow signs for City, then for Shoreditch and Whitechapel. Then follow Ring Road signs for Dover, cross over Tower Bridge, then after 1 mile take first exit off roundabout onto A2. Follow A2 New Kent Road and Old Kent Road, then after 3 miles left at Canterbury Arms pub into Ilderton Road, which becomes Zampa Road. No parking – Millwall recommend travelling by official supporters coach.

Sat 11 Feb 2006
Crystal Palace

Kick Off: 3.00pm
Hillsborough



TICKET STUBS VALID FOR SHEFFIELD UNITED MATCH – ONE OTHER GAME REQUIRED

Our next visitors, the Eagles, are positively flying after five consecutive wins and a draw with Reading which took them into the heart of the

Crystal Palace cont..



TICKET STUBS VALID FOR SHEFFIELD UNITED MATCH – ONE OTHER GAME REQUIRED

play-off shake-up. They will fancy their chances of completing a league double over a Wednesday side which has won only one of its last ten league meetings with Palace.

Ticket Availability

NOW ON GENERAL SALE

Wed 15 Feb 2006

Coventry City

Kick Off: 7.45pm

Ricoh Arena



ALL TICKET GAME

The Sky Blues' 6-1 thrashing of Derby only underlines the size of the task facing the Owls when they visit the Ricoh Arena. City are unbeaten in seven matches at their new home.

Ticket Prices

Adult £21, Over-60 and NUS £11, Under-16 £8

Ticket Availability

NOW ON GENERAL SALE

Inter-City Owl departs at 4.30pm

ADULT MEMBERS	£10.50
JUNIOR MEMBERS	£8.50
NON-MEMBERS	£12.50

Directions

M1, then M6 to J3. Take the A444 towards Coventry city centre, then left at the first roundabout. NOTE – there is a residents parking scheme for over a mile around the ground. Visiting fans are advised to use the Park and Ride scheme (cost £7) at BBS Transport, Bayton Road, Bedworth. This is 2.6 miles away on the opposite side of M6 J3 to the stadium. There are also (pay-to-use) Park and Walk schemes.

Sat 18 Feb 2006
Sheffield United

Kick Off: 3.00pm
Hillsborough



ALL TICKET GAME

The Blades' promotion juggernaut is still showing no signs of being halted but there's nothing like a local derby to upset the form book.

Ticket Availability

Now available to supporters who are in possession of tickets/stubs for any two of the three following home matches: Leicester City, Luton Town, Crystal Palace.

Sat 25 Feb 2006

Southampton

Kick Off: 3.00pm

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St Mary's Stadium



ALL TICKET GAME

A first visit for the Owls to the Saints' new home, and a maiden return to the St Mary's Stadium for former Southampton boss Paul Sturrock.

Ticket Prices

Adult £22, Over-65/Age 13-19 £17, 12 and under £10

Ticket Availability

Mon 6 Feb	– Season ticket holders with corresponding OAC
Tue 7 Feb	– Season ticket holders
Thu 9 Feb	– Members with corresponding OAC
Mon 13 Feb	– Members and all other priority holders
Tue 14 Feb	– General sale

Inter-City Owl departs at 8.30am

ADULT MEMBERS	£22.50
JUNIOR MEMBERS	£20.00
NON-MEMBERS	£25.00

Sat 4 Mar 2006
Cardiff City

Kick Off: 3.00pm
Ninian Park



The Preview

It is 22 years since our last trip to Ninian Park, a ground on which Wednesday have won on their last two visits.

Ticket Prices

(Seats) Adult £20, Over-60/Under-16 £14
(Standing) Adult £18, Over-60/Under-16 £13

Ticket Availability

Mon 13 Feb	– Season ticket holders with corresponding OAC
Tue 14 Feb	– Season ticket holders
Thu 16 Feb	– Members with corresponding OAC
Mon 20 Feb	– Members and all other priority holders
Tue 21 Feb	– General sale

Inter-City Owl departs at 8.30am

ADULT MEMBERS	£22.50
JUNIOR MEMBERS	£20.00
NON-MEMBERS	£25.00

Directions

M1, M42, M5 and M4 to J33, then follow Cardiff West signs onto A4232. After 6 miles turn onto B4267 Leckwith Road (signs City Centre). Right at lights into Sloper Road, the ground is on the left. Most streets around the ground are residents' parking.

Sat 11 Mar 2006

QPR

Kick Off: 3.00pm
Hillsborough



The Preview

Rangers celebrated promotion to the Championship on their last visit to Hillsborough and have remained in a solid mid-table position for most of the 18 months since that success.

Ticket Availability

Mon 6 Feb	– Members
Mon 13 Feb	– General Sale

David Lucas **01**


Position Goalkeeper
Height 5ft 1" Weight 13st 7lbs
D.O.B 23/11/77 - Preston
Date Signed 25/05/04, from Preston
Other Clubs Darlington (loan), Scunthorpe United (loan)
SWFC Career Apps 7 Goals 0

Lee Bullen **02**


Position Defender
Height 6ft 1" Weight 12st 7lbs
D.O.B 29/03/71 - Edinburgh
Date Signed 01/07/04, from Dunfermline
Other Clubs Meadowbank Thistle, Stenhousemuir, Kalamata (GRE), Kutan, South China, Golden AA (alt HK), Stannmore and Wellington (both loan)
SWFC Career Apps 68 Goals 7

Graham Coughlan **05**


Position Defender
Height 6ft 2" Weight 13st 7lbs
D.O.B 18/07/74 - Dublin (IRE)
Date Signed 1/07/05 from Plymouth
Other Clubs Livingston, Swindon Town (loan), Blackburn Rovers
SWFC Career Apps 22 Goals 5

Glenn Whelan **06**


Position Midfielder
Height 5ft 11" Weight 12st 7lbs
D.O.B 13/10/84 - Dublin
Date Signed 01/07/04, from Man City
Other Clubs Bury (loan)
SWFC Career Apps 75 Goals 5

Jon-Paul McGovern **07**


Position Midfielder
Height 5ft 10" Weight 12st 2lbs
D.O.B 03/10/81 - Glasgow
Date Signed 25/05/05 from Livingston
Other Clubs Celtic, Sheffield United (loan)
SWFC Career Apps 56 Goals 8

Burton O'Brien **08**


Position Midfielder
Height 5ft 10" Weight 11st 9lbs
D.O.B 10/06/81 - South Africa
Date Signed 14/07/05 from Livingston
Other Clubs St Mirren, Blackburn Rovers
SWFC Career Apps 31 Goals 0

Steven MacLean **09**


Position Striker
Height 5ft 11" Weight 12st 6lbs
D.O.B 23/08/82 - Edinburgh
Date Signed 07/07/04 - Rangers
Other Clubs Scunthorpe United (loan)
SWFC Career Apps 41 Goals 20

Chris Brunt **11**


Position Midfielder
Height 6ft 1" Weight 13st 4lbs
D.O.B 14/12/84 - Belfast
Date Signed 02/03/04 from Middlesbrough
Other Clubs -
SWFC Career Apps 91 Goals 13

Patrick Collins **12**


Position Defender
Height 6ft 2" Weight 14st 0lbs
D.O.B 04/02/85 - Oman
Date Signed 01/07/04 from Sunderland
Other Clubs -
SWFC Career Apps 33 Goals 1

John Hills **14**


Position Defender
Height 5ft 9" Weight 12st 8lbs
D.O.B 21/04/78 - Blackpool
Date Signed 28/06/05 from Gillingham
Other Clubs Blackpool, Everton, Swansea City (loan)
SWFC Career Apps 22 Goals 0

Steve Adams **15**


Position Midfielder
Height 6ft Weight 12st 3lbs
D.O.B 25/09/80 - Plymouth
Date Signed 09/03/05 from Plymouth
Other Clubs -
SWFC Career Apps 16 Goals 0

Richard Wood **16**


Position Defender
Height 6ft 3" Weight 12st 13lbs
D.O.B 05/07/85 - Ossett
Date Signed Trainee
Other Clubs -
SWFC Career Apps 88 Goals 4

Drissa Diallo **17**


Position Defender
Height 6ft 1" Weight 11st 13lbs
D.O.B 04/01/73 - Mauritania
Date Signed 01/07/05 from Ipswich
Other Clubs Burnley, Mechelen (BEL), RC Tilleur, Sedan, AS Brevannes (alt FRA)
SWFC Career Apps 7 Goals 0

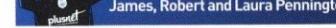
Richie Partridge **18**


Position Midfielder
Height 5ft 8" Weight 11st 0lbs
D.O.B 12/09/80 - Dublin (IRE)
Date Signed 29/07/05 from Liverpool
Other Clubs Bristol Rovers, Coventry City (both loan)
SWFC Career Apps 17 Goals 1

Deon Burton **19**


Position Striker
Height 5ft 10" Weight 11st 9lbs
D.O.B 25/10/75 - Ashford
Date Signed 01/01/06 from Rotherham
Other Clubs Portsmouth, Derby, Brentford, Plus loans to Cardiff, Barnsley, Stoke, Walsall, Swindon
SWFC Career Apps 3 Goals 0

Rich Designs


James, Robert and Laura Pennington

Nige Hewitt


Nige Hewitt

The Covey Family


Phil Cracknell

Frank Simek **20**


Position Defender
Height 6ft 0" Weight 11st 6lbs
D.O.B 13/10/84 - St Louis (USA)
Date Signed 27/07/05 from Arsenal
Other Clubs QPR, Bournemouth (both loan)
SWFC Career Apps 31 Goals 0

Chris Adamson **21**


Position Goalkeeper
Height 6ft 2" Weight 13st 7lbs
D.O.B 04/11/78 - Ashton
Date Signed 28/01/05 - Unattached
Other Clubs WBA, IK Brage (loan), Mansfield T. (loan), Halifax T. (loan), Plymouth Arg. (loan), St. Patrick's (IRE)
SWFC Career Apps 2 Goals 0

Craig Rockastle **23**


Position Midfielder
Height 6ft 1" Weight 13st 9lbs
D.O.B 17/08/81 - London
Date Signed 03/02/05 from Chelsea
Other Clubs Hibernian, Lincoln City, Barnsley
SWFC Career Apps 33 Goals 1

Drew Talbot **25**


Position Striker
Height 5ft 10" Weight 11st 4lbs
D.O.B 19/07/86 - Barnsley
Date Signed Trainee
Other Clubs -
SWFC Career Apps 25 Goals 5

Barry Corr **26**


Position Striker
Height 6ft 3" Weight 12st 7lbs
D.O.B 02/04/85 - County Wicklow (IRE)
Date Signed 11/04/05 from Leeds Utd
Other Clubs -
SWFC Career Apps 13 Goals 0

David Graham **30**


ON LOAN TO HUDDERSFIELD
Position Striker
Height 5ft 11" Weight 12st 7lbs
D.O.B 06/10/78 - Edinburgh
Date Signed 11/08/05 from Wigan Athletic
Other Clubs Rangers, Dunfermline Ath., Inverness CT (loan), Torquay United
SWFC Career Apps 26 Goals 3

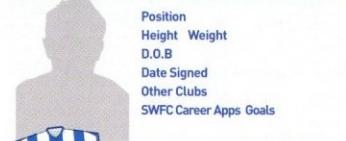
Peter Gilbert **35**


Position Defender
Height 5ft 11" Weight 12st 13lbs
D.O.B 03/02/83 - Newcastle
Date Signed 25/11/05 from Leicester City
Other Clubs Plymouth Argyle
SWFC Career Apps 9 Goals 0

Marcus Tudgay **40**


Position Striker
Height 5ft 9" Weight 11st 7lbs
D.O.B 03/02/83 - Shoreham
Date Signed 01/01/06 from Derby County
Other Clubs -
SWFC Career Apps 4 Goals 1

Peter Bland Opticians **-**


Position
Height Weight
D.O.B
Date Signed
Other Clubs
SWFC Career Apps Goals

Sheffield Assay Office **-**


Position
Height Weight
D.O.B
Date Signed
Other Clubs
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Central Park Computing Ltd **-**


Position
Height Weight
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Other Clubs
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Ozzie Owl **-**


Position
Height Weight
D.O.B
Date Signed
Other Clubs
SWFC Career Apps Goals

Paul Sturrock **-**


Manager
D.O.B 10/01/56 - Elton, Aberdeenshire

Kevin Summerfield **-**


Assistant Manager
D.O.B 07/01/59 - Walsall

Jim McKay **-**


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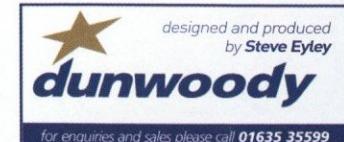
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MID-WEEK FIXTURES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	AWAY ATT	POS	REFEREE									
SAT AUG 6	STOKE CITY	A	0-0	18,744	4,739	12	M CLATTENBURG	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
TUE AUG 9	HULL CITY	H	1-1	29,910	4,097	15	M JONES	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
SAT AUG 13	SOUTHAMPTON	H	0-1	26,688	1,303	19	M PIKE	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
SAT AUG 20	IPSWICH TOWN	A	2-2	24,238	1,469	22	G HEGLEY	LUCAS	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ADAMS
TUE AUG 23	STOCKPORT C. CCR	A	4-2 AET	3,001	1,025	-	C WEBSTER	LUCAS	SIMEK	DIALLO	COUGHLAN	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ADAMS
FRI AUG 26	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	A	0-0	12,131	1,007	22	C PENTON	LUCAS	SIMEK	DIALLO	COUGHLAN	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
SAT SEPT 10	LEICESTER CITY	A	0-2	22,618	3,229	23	G SALISBURY	LUCAS	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	ROSS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
TUE SEP 13	LEEDS UNITED	H	1-0	29,986	3,802	22	P TAYLOR	LUCAS	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
SAT SEP 17	MILLWALL	H	1-2	22,446	410	24	T KETTLE	LUCAS	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
TUE SEP 20	WEST HAM UTD CCR	H	2-4	14,976	1,878	-	S TANNER	LUCAS	ROSS	COUGHLAN	WOOD	BULLEN	MCGOVERN	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
FRI SEP 23	LUTON TOWN	A	2-2	8,267	750	24	R BEEBY	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
TUE SEP 27	CRYSTAL PALACE (8PM)	A	0-2	17,413	978	24	L PROBERT	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
SAT OCT 1	COVENTRY CITY	H	3-2	22,732	1,452	22	L MASON	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	COUGHLAN	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
SAT OCT 15	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	1-1	16,534	1,470	22	I WILLIAMSON	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	COUGHLAN	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
TUE OCT 18	WATFORD	H	1-1	21,189	493	22	A LEAKE	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	COUGHLAN	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
MON OCT 24	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	H	1-1	21,787	462	21	N MILLER	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	COUGHLAN	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
SAT OCT 29	NORWICH CITY	A	1-0	25,583	1,340	18	K FRIEND	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
TUE NOV 1	READING (8PM)	A	0-2	16,188	1,620	21	M THORPE	LUCAS	SIMEK	LEE	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
SAT NOV 5	DERBY COUNTY	H	2-1	26,334	3,411	16	M FLETCHER	WEAVER	SIMEK	LEE	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
WED NOV 9	CARDIFF CITY	H	1-3	20,324	621	17	T KETTLE	WEAVER	SIMEK	LEE	WOOD	HILLS	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
SAT NOV 19	WATFORD	A	1-2	16,988	2,844	18	B CURSON	WEAVER	BULLEN	DIALLO	WOOD	HECKINGBOTTOM	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
TUE NOV 22	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	0-0	20,244	614	19	C WEBSTER	WEAVER	SIMEK	DIALLO	WOOD	HECKINGBOTTOM	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
SAT NOV 26	STOKE CITY	H	0-2	21,970	1,111	20	A HALL	WEAVER	SIMEK	DIALLO	COUGHLAN	HECKINGBOTTOM	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
SAT DEC 3	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A	0-1	30,558	4,962	21	R BEEBY	WEAVER	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	GILBERT	EAGLES	WHELAN	ROCASTLE
SAT DEC 10	HULL CITY	A	0-1	21,329	2,793	22	M ATKINSON	WEAVER	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	GILBERT	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
SAT DEC 17	IPSWICH TOWN	H	0-1	21,716	1,203	22	I WILLIAMSON	WEAVER	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	GILBERT	EAGLES	WHELAN	ADAMS
MON DEC 26	PRESTON NE (130PM)	A	0-0	18,867	3,240	22	C FOY	WEAVER	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	GILBERT	EAGLES	WHELAN	ADAMS
WED DEC 28	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H	0-2	24,295	1,891	23	M JONES	WEAVER	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	GILBERT	EAGLES	ADAMS	O'BRIEN
SAT DEC 31	BURNLEY (1PM)	A	2-1	14,607	1,930	22	K WOOLMER	WEAVER	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	GILBERT	EAGLES	ADAMS	O'BRIEN
MON JAN 2	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	3-0	25,656	586	20	A D'URSO	WEAVER	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	GILBERT	EAGLES	ADAMS	O'BRIEN
SAT JAN 7	CHARLTON ATH (FAC3)	H	2-4	14,851	1,391	-	P DOWD	LUCAS	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	HECKINGBOTTOM	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
SAT JAN 14	LEICESTER CITY	H	2-1	25,398	2,090	19	E ILDERTON	WEAVER	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	GILBERT	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
SAT JAN 21	LEEDS UNITED	A	0-3	27,843	3,366	20	D GALLAGHER	WEAVER	SIMEK	COUGHLAN	WOOD	GILBERT	EAGLES	WHELAN	O'BRIEN
TUE JAN 31	LUTON TOWN	H													
SAT FEB 4	MILLWALL	A													
SAT FEB 11	CRYSTAL PALACE	H													
WED FEB 15	COVENTRY CITY	A													
SAT FEB 18	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H													
SAT FEB 25	SOUTHAMPTON	A													
SAT MAR 4	CARDIFF CITY	A													
SAT MAR 11	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H													
SAT MAR 18	PRESTON NORTH END	H													
SAT MAR 25	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	A													
SAT APR 1	BURNLEY	H													
SAT APR 8	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A													
SAT APR 15	NORWICH CITY (3-15)	H													
MON APR 17	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.	A													
SAT APR 22	READING	H													
SUN APR 30	DERBY COUNTY	A													

W/L WIN/LOST AFTER
PENALTY SHOOTOUT→ FIRST
SUBSTITUTION→ SECOND
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Games & Goals 2005/06

	CHAMPIONSHIP	FA CUP	CARLING CUP	05-06 TOTAL
1 DAVID LUCAS	16 - 0	1 - 0	2 - 0	19 - 0
2 LEE BULLEN	1 (13) 0	0 (1) 0	1 - 0	2 (14) 0
5 GRAHAM COUGHLAN	19 - 4	1 - 0	2 - 1	22 - 5
6 GLENN WHELAN	29 1 1	1 - 0	2 - 0	32 (1) 1
7 JON-PAUL MCGOVERN	0 (2) 0	1 - 0	1 - 0	1 (2) 0
8 BURTON O'BRIEN	18 (10) 0	1 - 0	1 (1) 0	20 (11) 0
9 STEVEN MACLEAN	29 - 0	1 - 0	1 - 0	31 - 0
11 CHRIS BRUNT	24 (6) 6	1 - 0	2 - 0	27 (6) 6
12 PATRICK COLLINS				
14 JOHN HILLS	20 - 0			21 (1) 0
15 STEVE ADAMS	6 - 0			6 - 0
16 RICHARD WOOD	24 (3) 1	1 - 0	1 (1) 0	26 (4) 1
17 DRISSA DIALLO	4 (2) 0	1 - 0	5 (2) 0	
18 RICHIE PARTRIDGE	5 (10) 0	1 - 0	1 - 1	7 (10) 1
19 DEON BURTON	3 - 0			3 - 0
20 FRANK SIMEK	29 - 0	1 - 0	1 - 0	31 - 0
21 CHRIS ADAMSON				
23 CRAIG ROCastle	14 (3) 0			15 (4) 0
25 DREW TALBOT				
26 BARRY CORR	4 (7) 0	1 - 0	1 - 0	6 (7) 0
30 DAVID GRAHAM	19 (5) 2	2 - 1	2 - 1	21 (5) 3
35 PETER GILBERT	9 - 0			9 - 0
40 MARCUS TUDGAY	3 - 1	1 - 0		4 - 1
OTHER 2005-06:				
GABY AGBONLAHOR	4 (4) APPS, 0 GOALS			
LEON BEST	2 APPS, 1 GOAL			
CHRIS EAGLES	214 APPS, 3 GOALS			
PAUL HECKINGBOTTOM	5 APPS, 2 GOALS			
GRAEME LEE	141 APPS, 1 GOAL			
DARYL MURPHY	4 APPS, 0 GOALS			
LEE PEACOCK	204 APPS, 3 GOALS			
ADAM PROUDLOCK	0-7 APPS, 2 GOALS			
MAURICE ROSS	2 APPS, 0 GOALS.			
NICKY WEAVER	14 APPS, 0 GOALS.			

Discipline

SIMEK	7	0	BRUNT	6
HILLS	5	1	PEACOCK	4
GILBERT	4	0	WHELAN	3
WHELAN	4	0	WOOD	3
BRUNT	3	0	HILLS	2
ROCASTLE	3	0	PARTRIDGE	2

Assists

Heroes

with Chris Adamson

The Wednesday keeper begins his selection of Heroes with the man who has inspired him through his own career.

Footballing Hero

Neville Southall

I was a big Everton fan when I was younger and I thought that not only was Neville one of the best keepers around, but also one of the most under-rated. He achieved so much in the game after previously working



Under-rated...legendary Everton keeper Neville Southall in his early days.



as a binman, yet I don't think he gets mentioned as much as he should. I believe his reputation would have been greater had he been English and got into the England national side.

He was always someone I looked up to and I have actually played against him, which was one of the highlights of my career to date. He was at Torquay and I was with Halifax and he pulled off one of the best saves I've ever seen, though he was nearly 40 at the time. He still had it and I think he's an absolute legend in that sense.

Other Sporting Hero

Andrew Flintoff

I have gone for Freddie in this section, he gives 100 per cent for England and Lancashire every time he plays and is also a down to earth guy who lives for his family. He will go down as a legend for what he did in the Ashes last year and is one of the best cricketers in the world, as well as the best English all-rounder since Ian Botham.

Freddie enjoys himself at the right time but also knows when it is time to work hard. In the past some criticism was levelled at him about his weight but he got that down. That showed in the Test series leading up to the Ashes when we played the Aussies. Hopefully he will smash them all over Down Under next winter.

Non Sporting Hero

Jim Carrey

To me, Jim is one of the funniest men ever. Every film he's been in has had me in stitches, he's never done a bad one in my opinion. I'd love to have them on DVD. The Mask typified everything and he went on from there with the rest of the films he's been in, such as Bruce Almighty, Dumb and Dumber, The Cable Guy and Liar Liar.

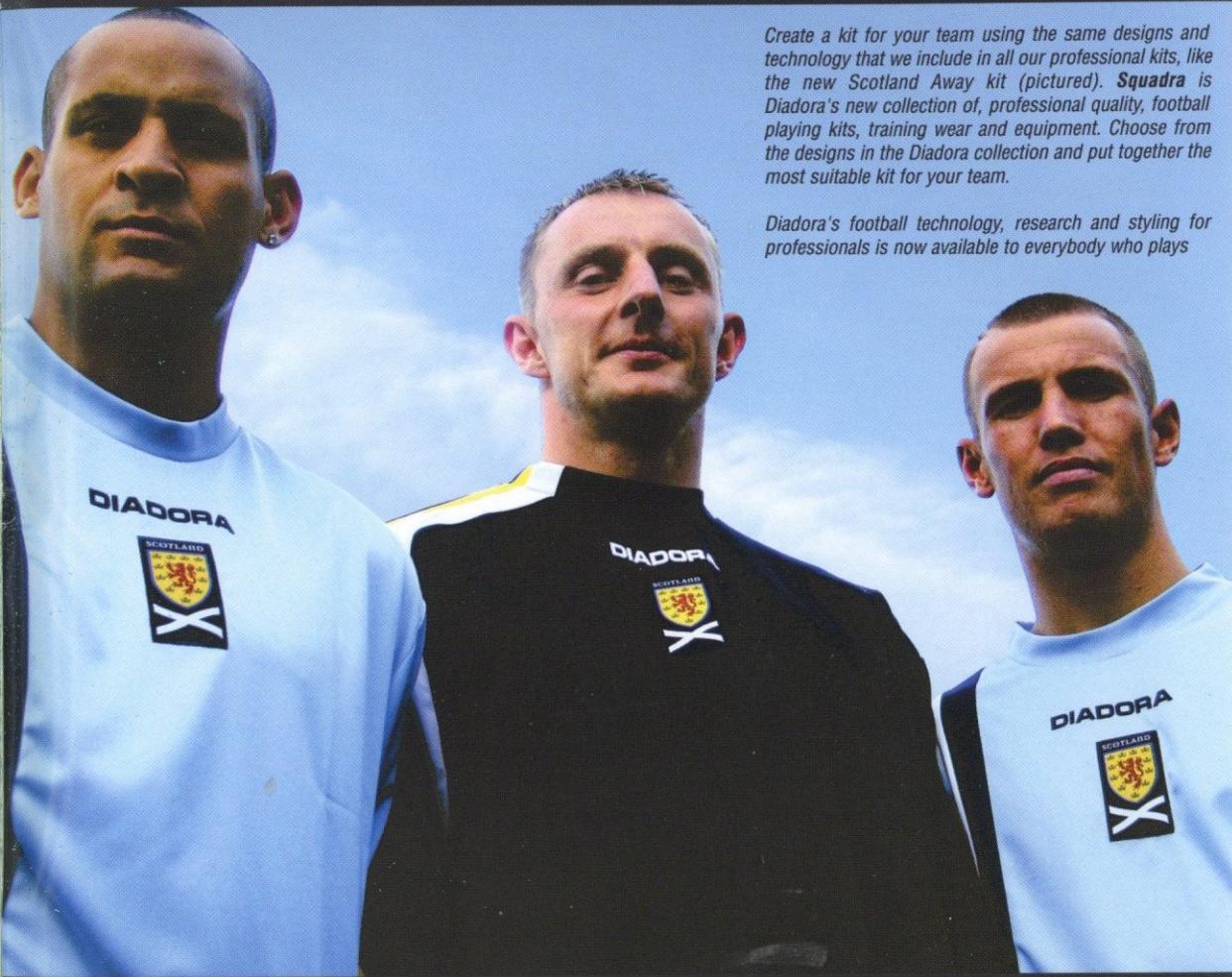
He has been around for a long time now because he keeps everyone laughing, you can't not laugh when you watch his films. Whatever someone throws at him, he will bounce back with something funny.

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